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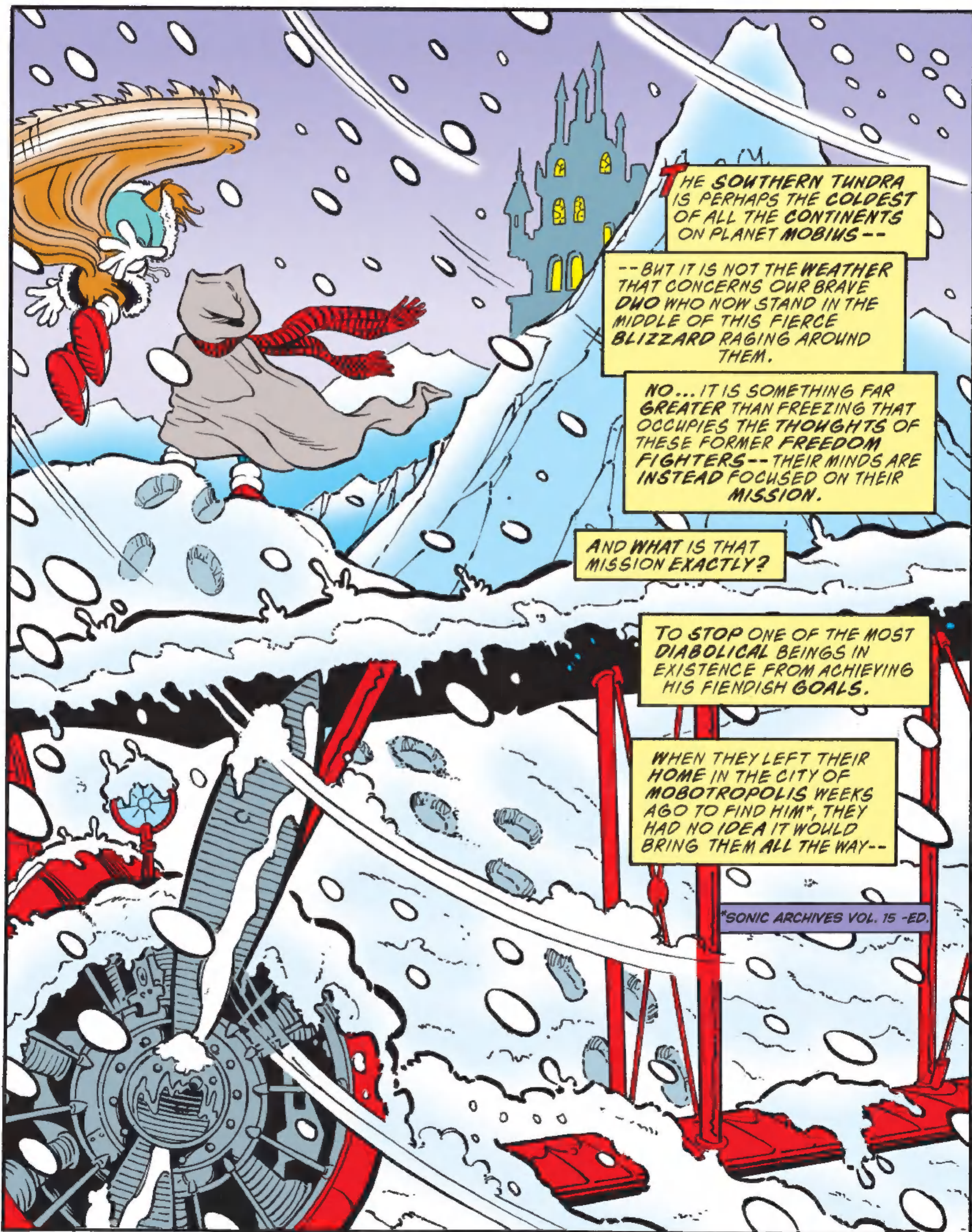
SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

AT LAST...
EXIS
NAUGUS!



THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA IS PERHAPS THE COLDEST OF ALL THE CONTINENTS ON PLANET MOBIUS --

-- BUT IT IS NOT THE WEATHER THAT CONCERNS OUR BRAVE DUO WHO NOW STAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS FIERCE BLIZZARD RAGING AROUND THEM.

NO... IT IS SOMETHING FAR GREATER THAN FREEZING THAT OCCUPIES THE THOUGHTS OF THESE FORMER FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- THEIR MINDS ARE INSTEAD FOCUSED ON THEIR MISSION.

AND WHAT IS THAT MISSION EXACTLY?

TO STOP ONE OF THE MOST DIABOLICAL BEINGS IN EXISTENCE FROM ACHIEVING HIS FIENDISH GOALS.

WHEN THEY LEFT THEIR HOME IN THE CITY OF MOBOTROPOLIS WEEKS AGO TO FIND HIM*, THEY HAD NO IDEA IT WOULD BRING THEM ALL THE WAY--

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HERE, SONIC?!

MORE LIKE ALL THE WAY UP THERE, TAILS-- IN THE FORTRESS BUILT INTO THE SIDE OF THIS MOUNTAIN!

I'M SURE THAT'S WHERE THE WICKED WIZARD IXIS NAUGHUS IS WAITIN' FOR US!

HE KNOWS THAT WE'RE AFTER HIM?

OF COURSE! WHY ELSE WOULD HE THINK WE CAME ALL THIS WAY?

AN ALL-NEW **SONIC** ADVENTURE

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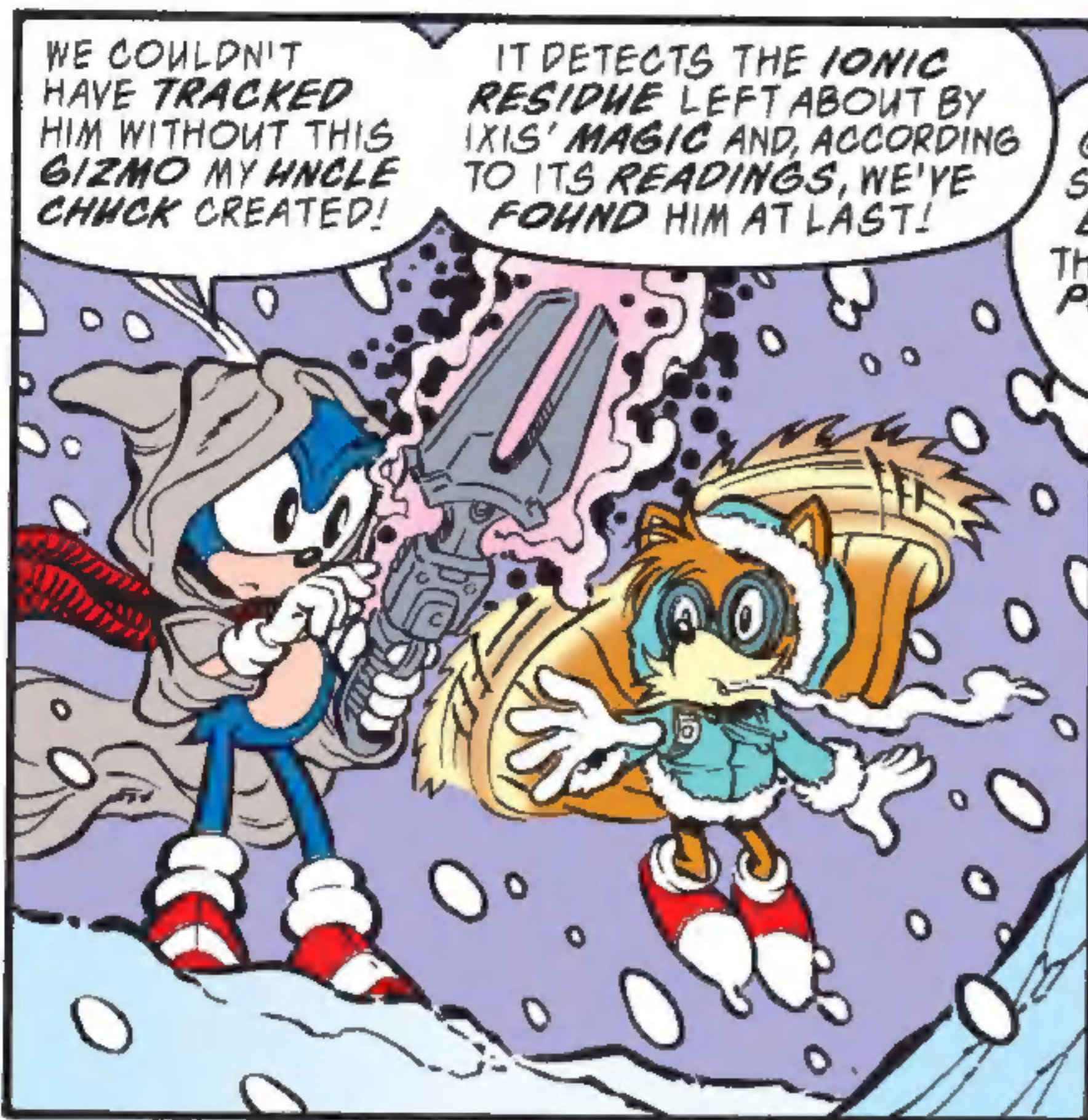
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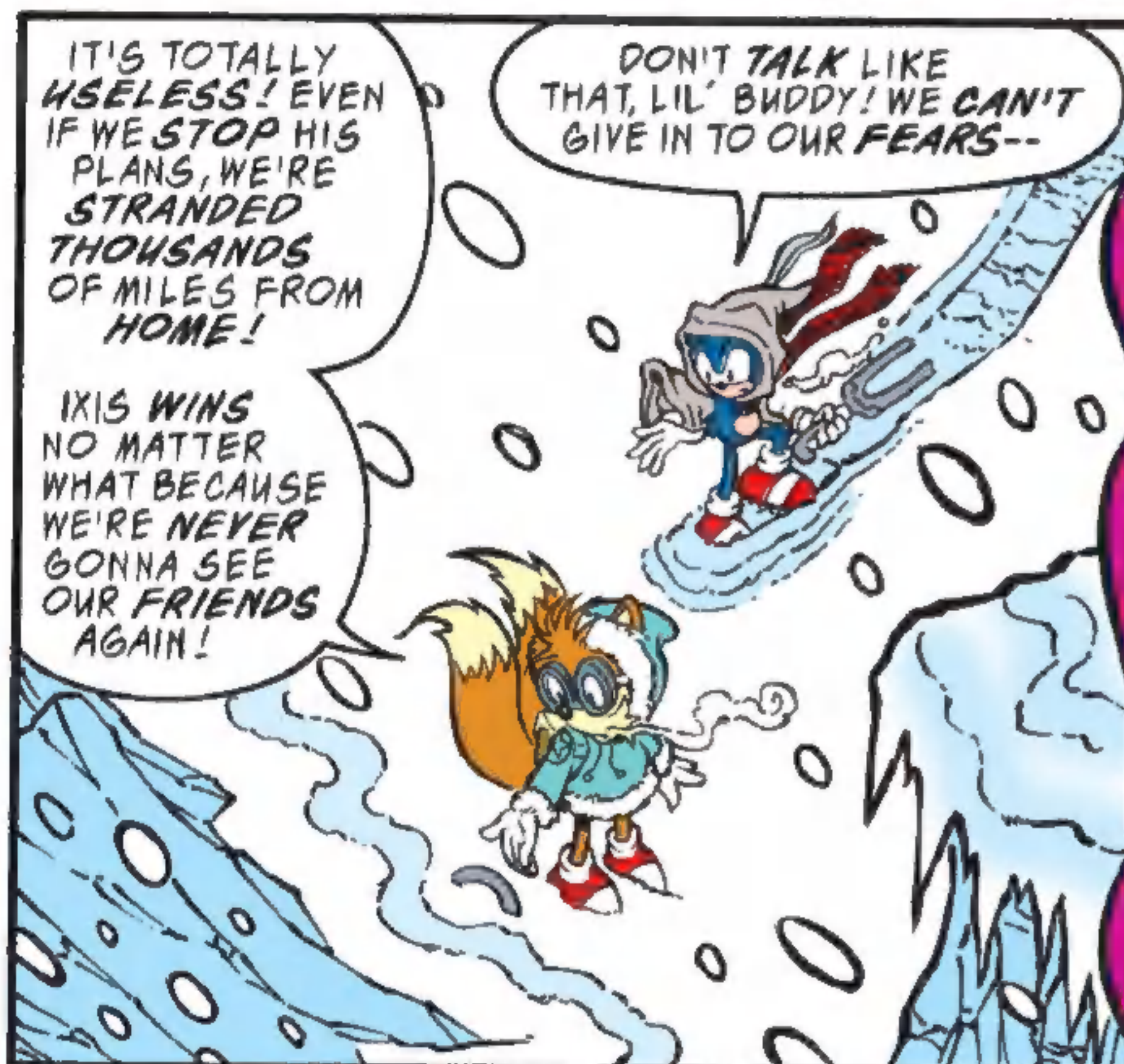
WE COULDN'T HAVE TRACKED HIM WITHOUT THIS GIZMO MY UNCLE CHUCK CREATED!

IT DETECTS THE IONIC RESIDUE LEFT ABOUT BY IXIS' MAGIC AND, ACCORDING TO ITS READINGS, WE'VE FOUND HIM AT LAST!

BUT HOW'RE WE GONNA STOP HIM, SONIC? WHEN YOUR BIPLANE FLEW INTO THIS FRIGID AIR, THE POWER RING THAT ALLOWS IT TO FLY...



...SUDDENLY CONKED OUT!



IT'S TOTALLY USELESS! EVEN IF WE STOP HIS PLANS, WE'RE STRANDED THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HOME!

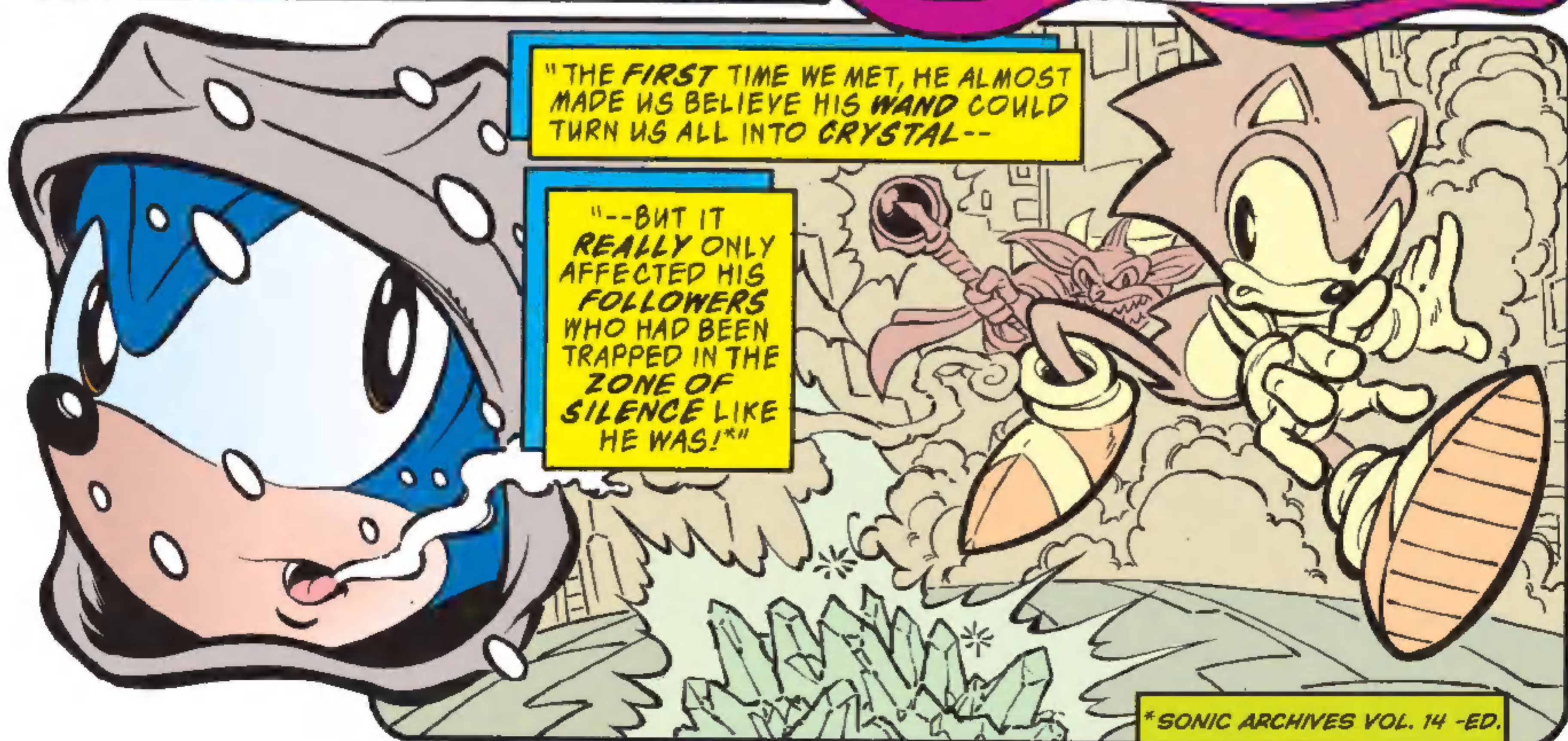
IXIS WINS NO MATTER WHAT BECAUSE WE'RE NEVER GONNA SEE OUR FRIENDS AGAIN!

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, LIL' BUDDY! WE CAN'T GIVE IN TO OUR FEARS--



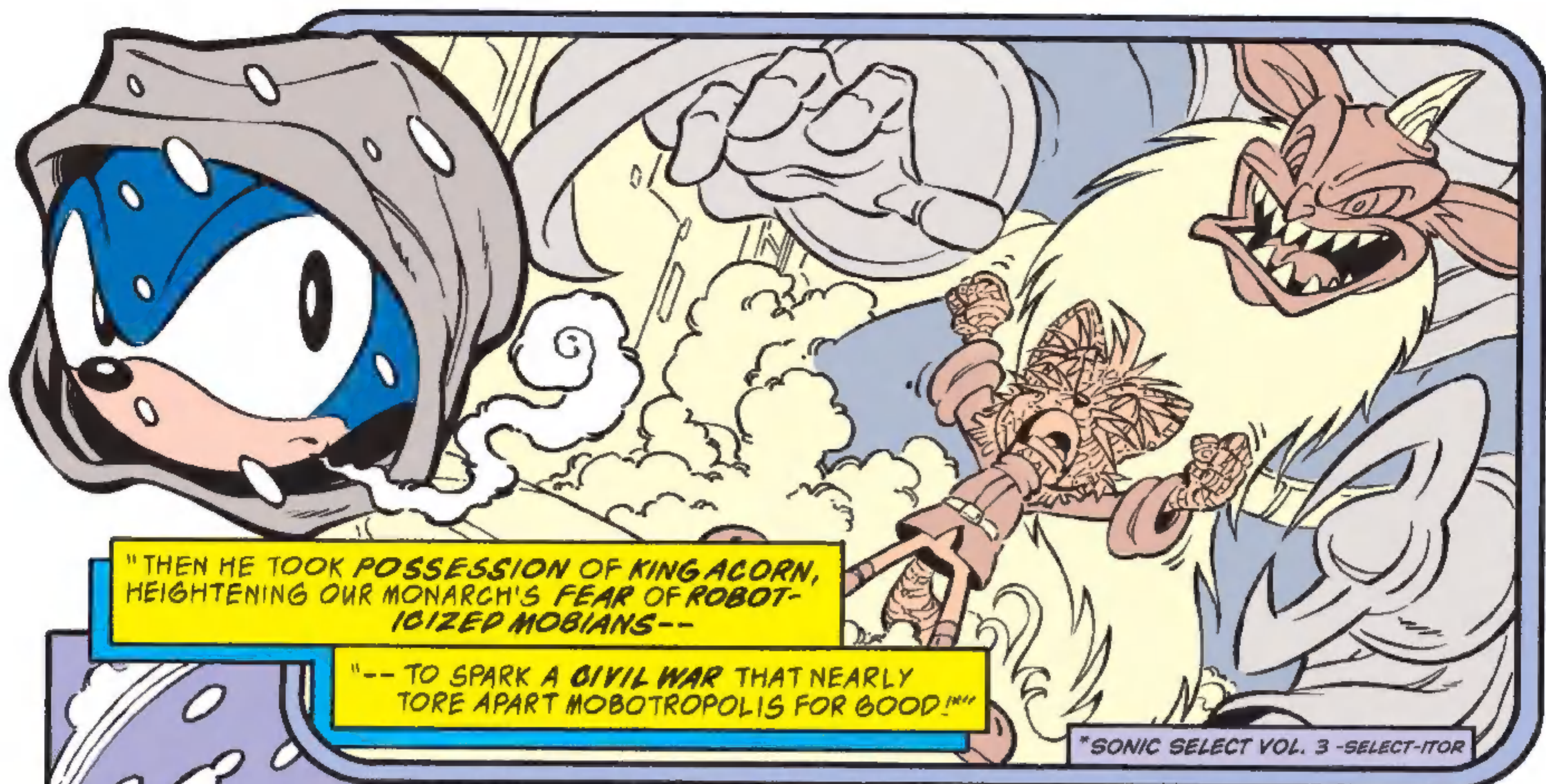
--IXIS IS GONNA BE COUNTING ON THOSE VERY EMOTIONS TO HELP DEFEAT US!

IXIS ENJOYS MAKING US GOOD GUYS DOUBT OUR OWN ABILITIES-- MAKES US EASIER TO BEAT!



"THE FIRST TIME WE MET, HE ALMOST MADE US BELIEVE HIS WAND COULD TURN US ALL INTO CRYSTAL--

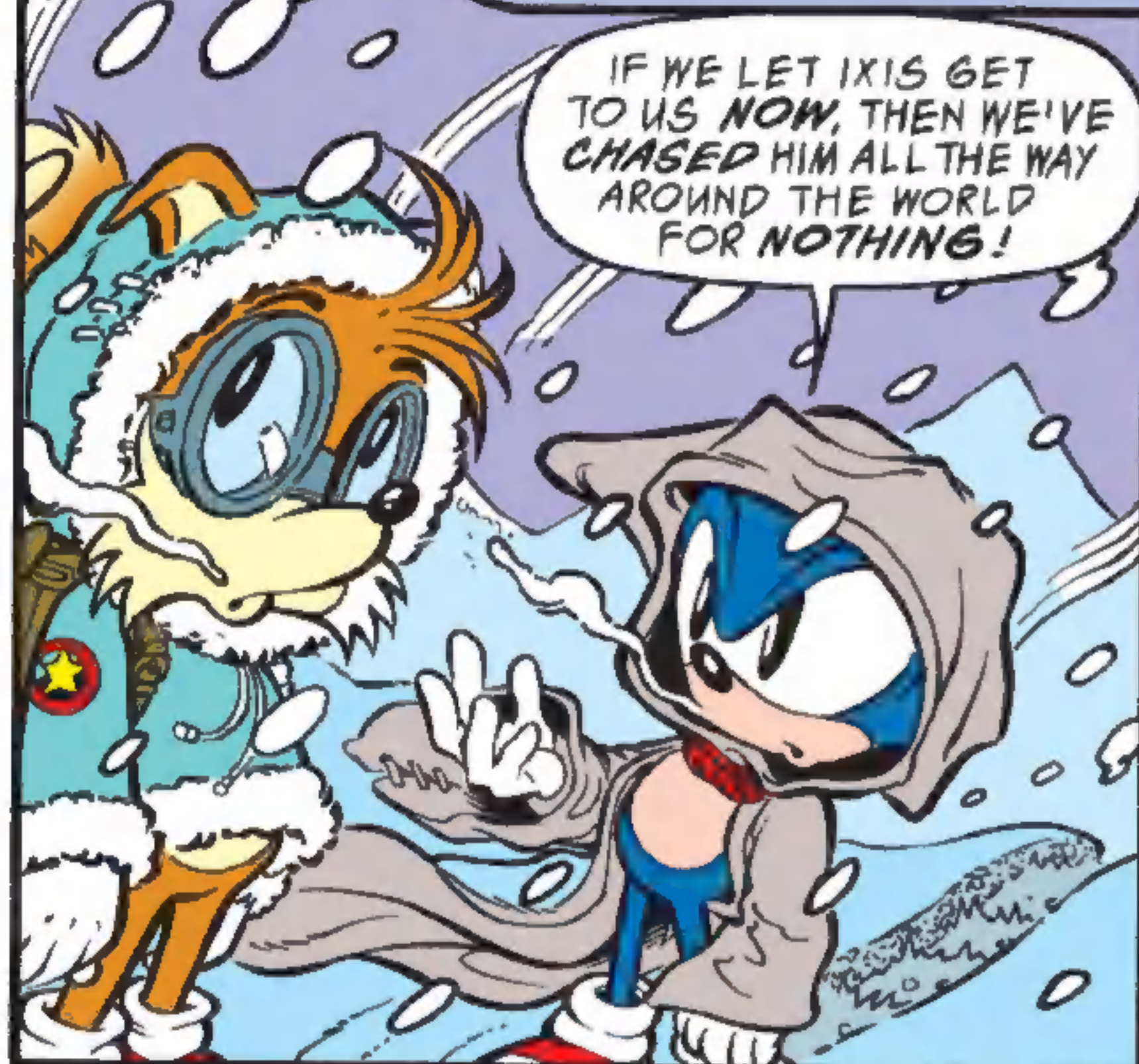
"--BUT IT REALLY ONLY AFFECTED HIS FOLLOWERS WHO HAD BEEN TRAPPED IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE LIKE HE WAS!*"



"THEN HE TOOK POSSESSION OF KING ACORN, HEIGHTENING OUR MONARCH'S FEAR OF ROBOT-ICIZED MOBIANS--

"-- TO SPARK A CIVIL WAR THAT NEARLY TORE APART MOBOTROPOLIS FOR GOOD!"

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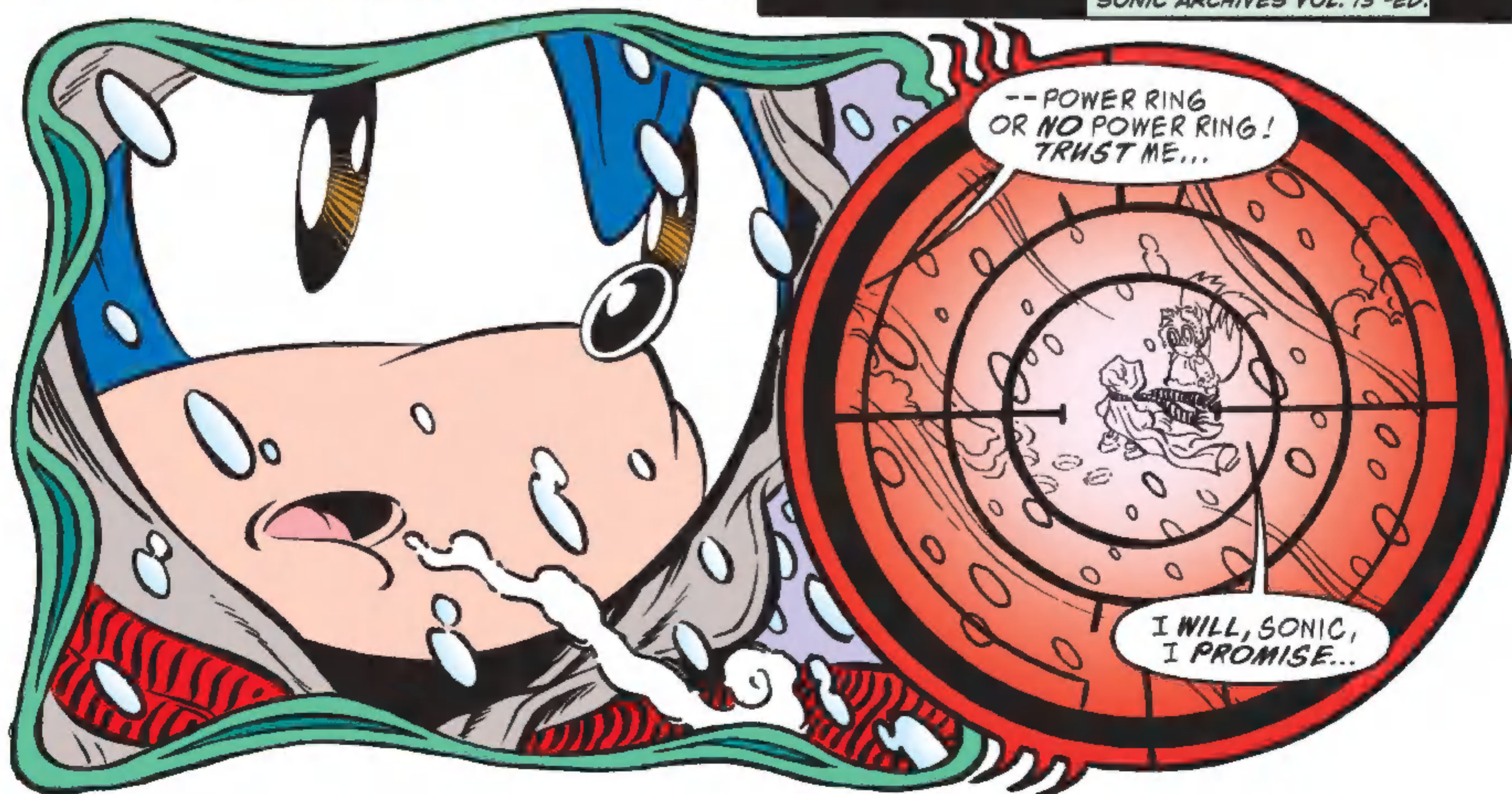


IF WE LET IXIS GET TO US NOW, THEN WE'VE CHASED HIM ALL THE WAY AROUND THE WORLD FOR NOTHING!

DIDN'T WE MAKE GOOD ON OUR PROMISE TO DEFEAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK? HE WAS NO DIFFERENT-- ONE EVIL VILLAIN IS JUST AS BAD AS ANOTHER

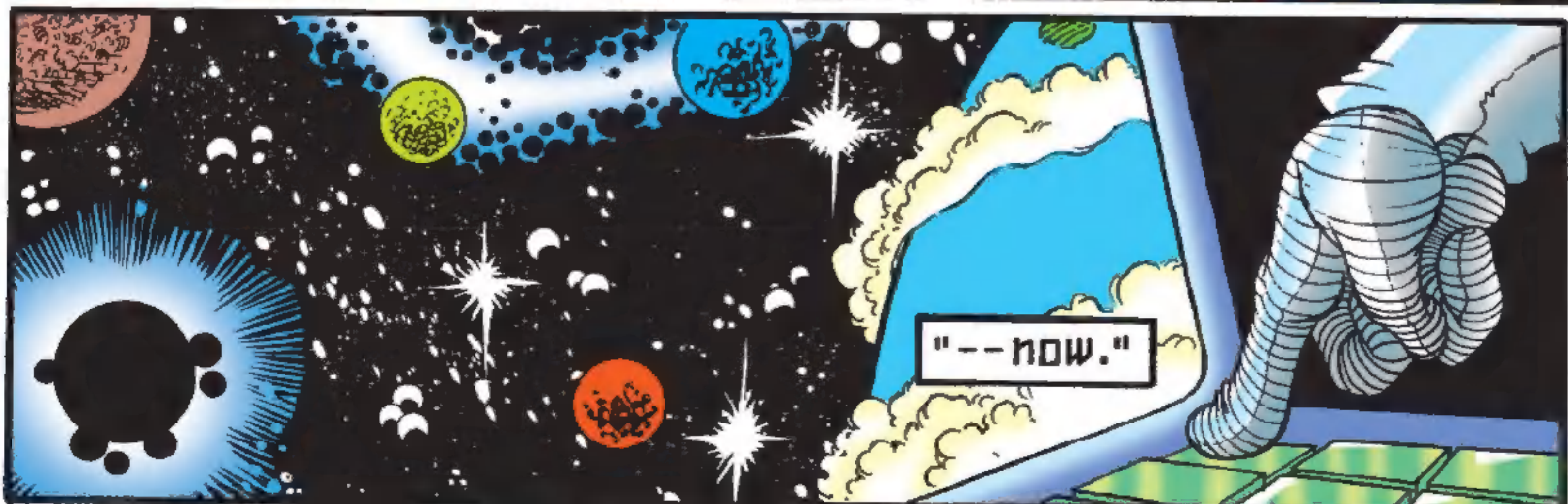
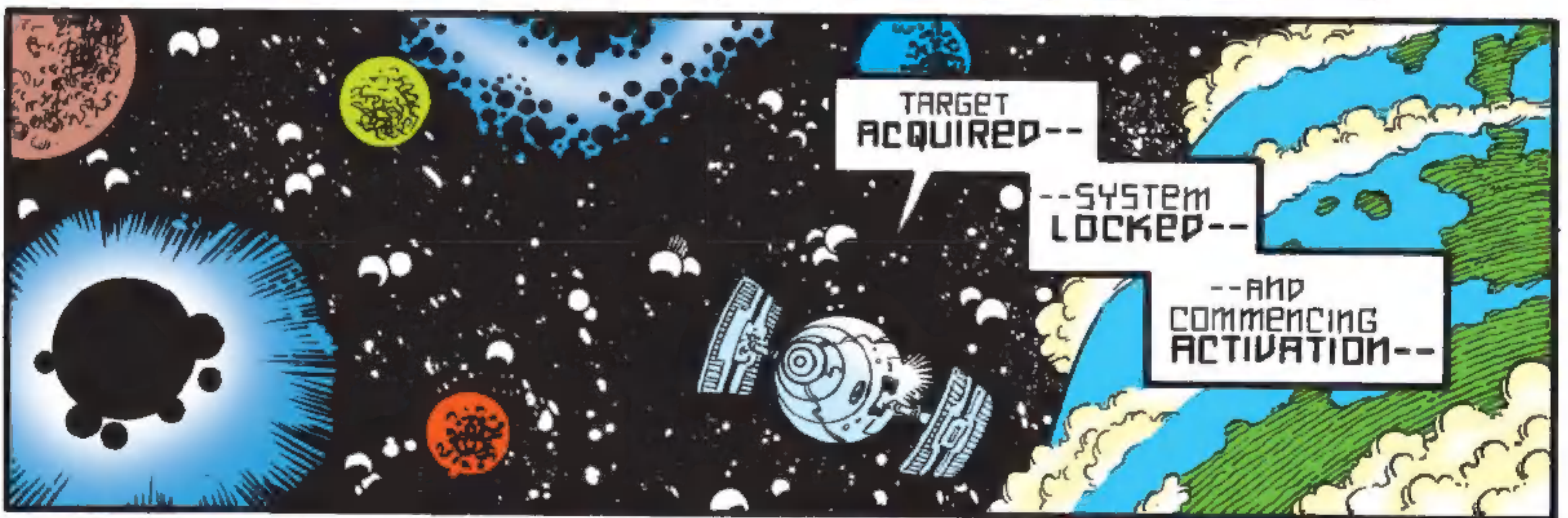
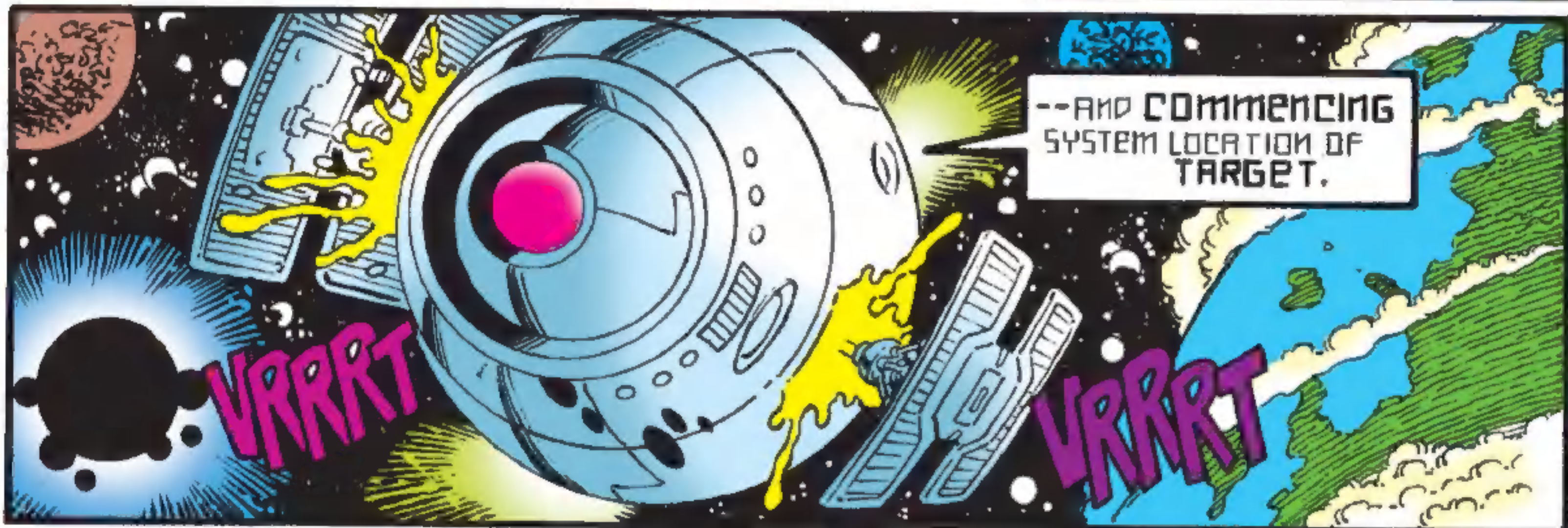
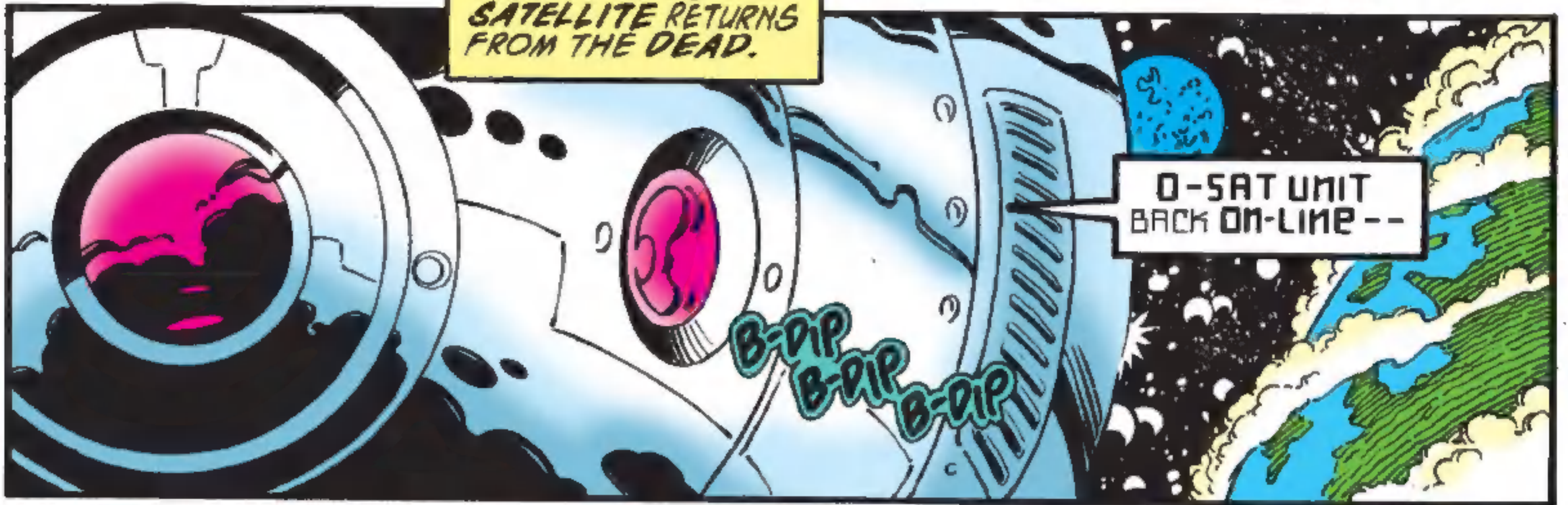
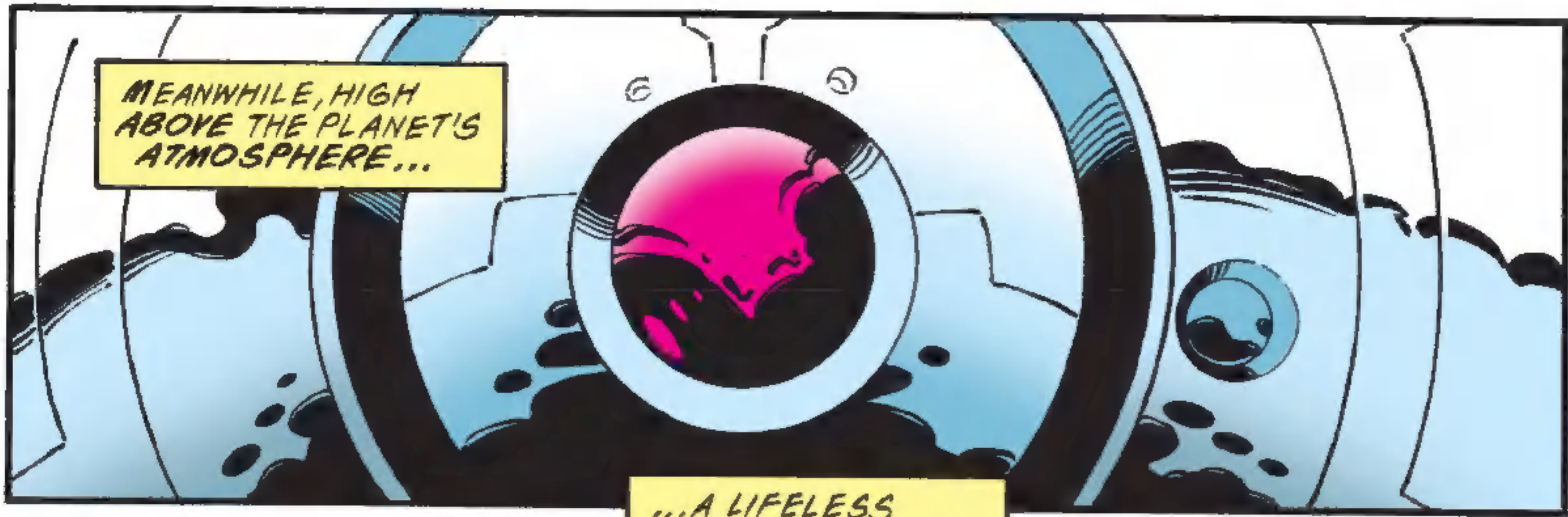
YOU'VE GOT MY WORD AS YOUR BEST DUDE, TAILS, THAT I'M GONNA GET US HOME ONCE IXIS IS DOWN FOR THE COUNT--

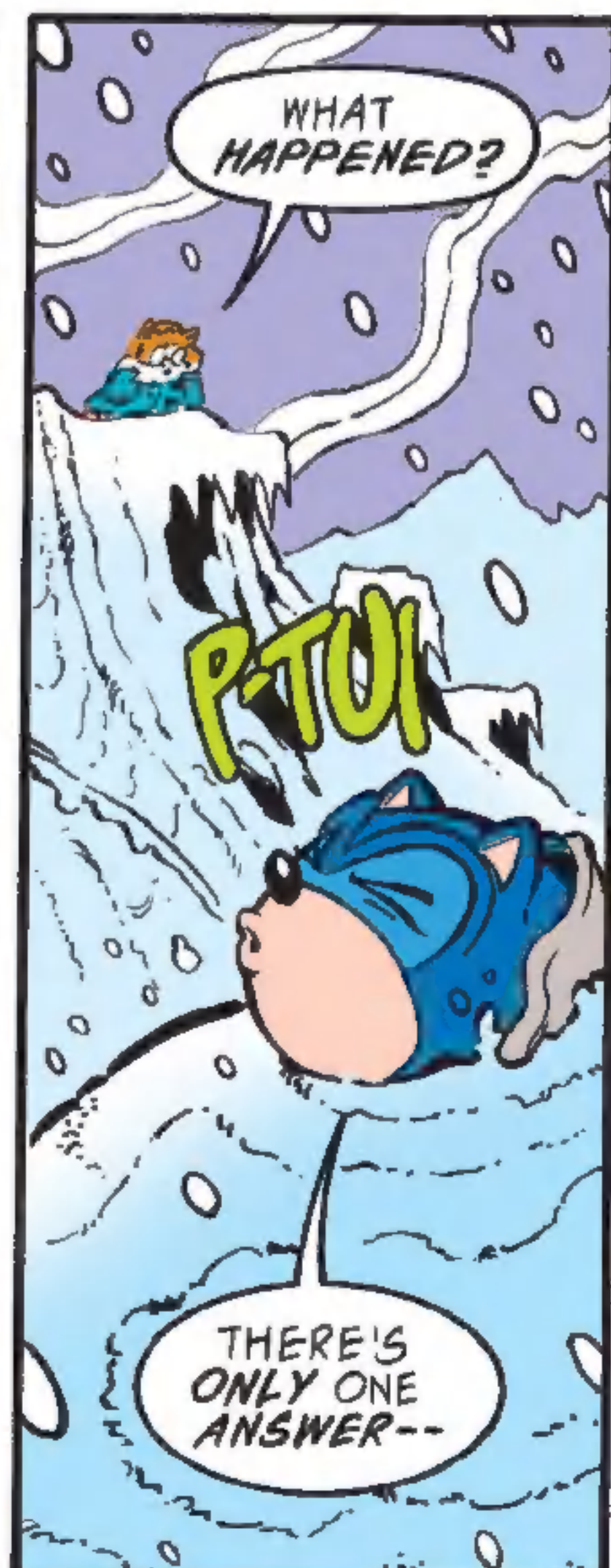
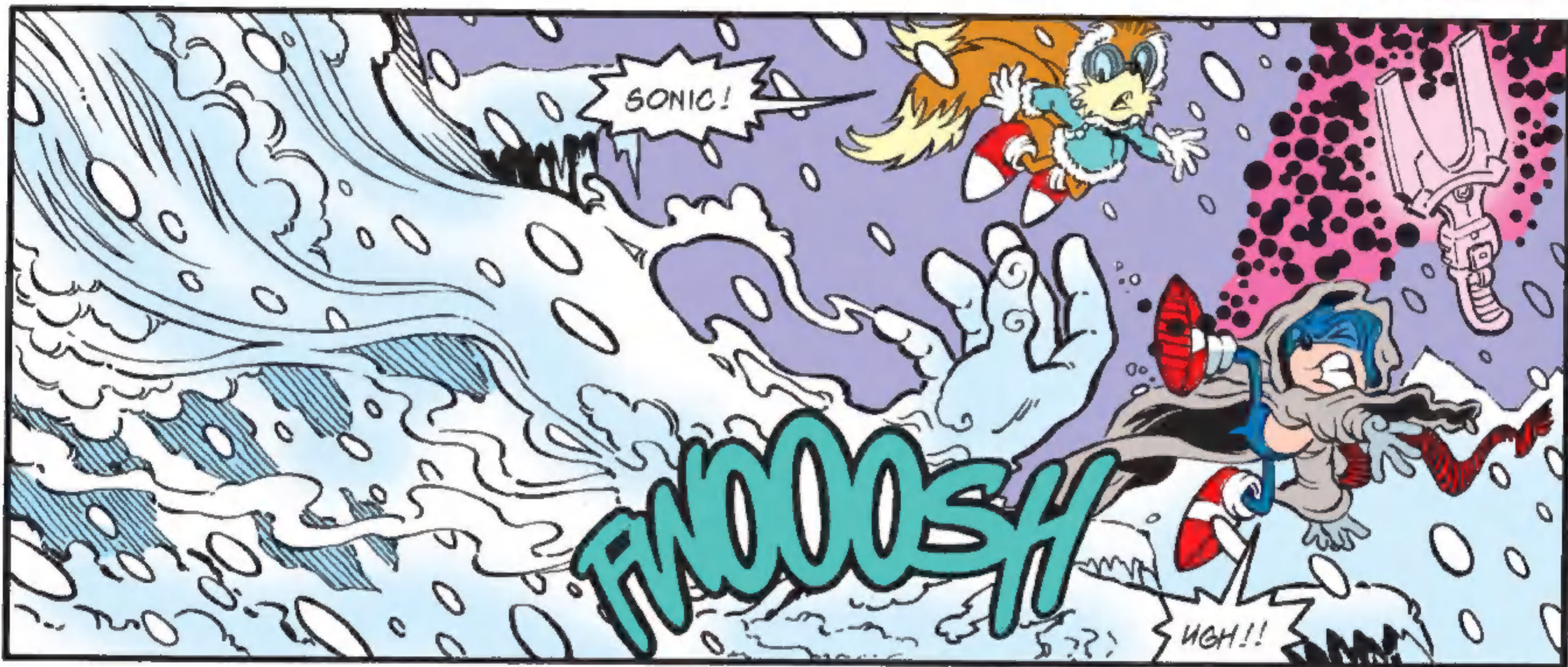
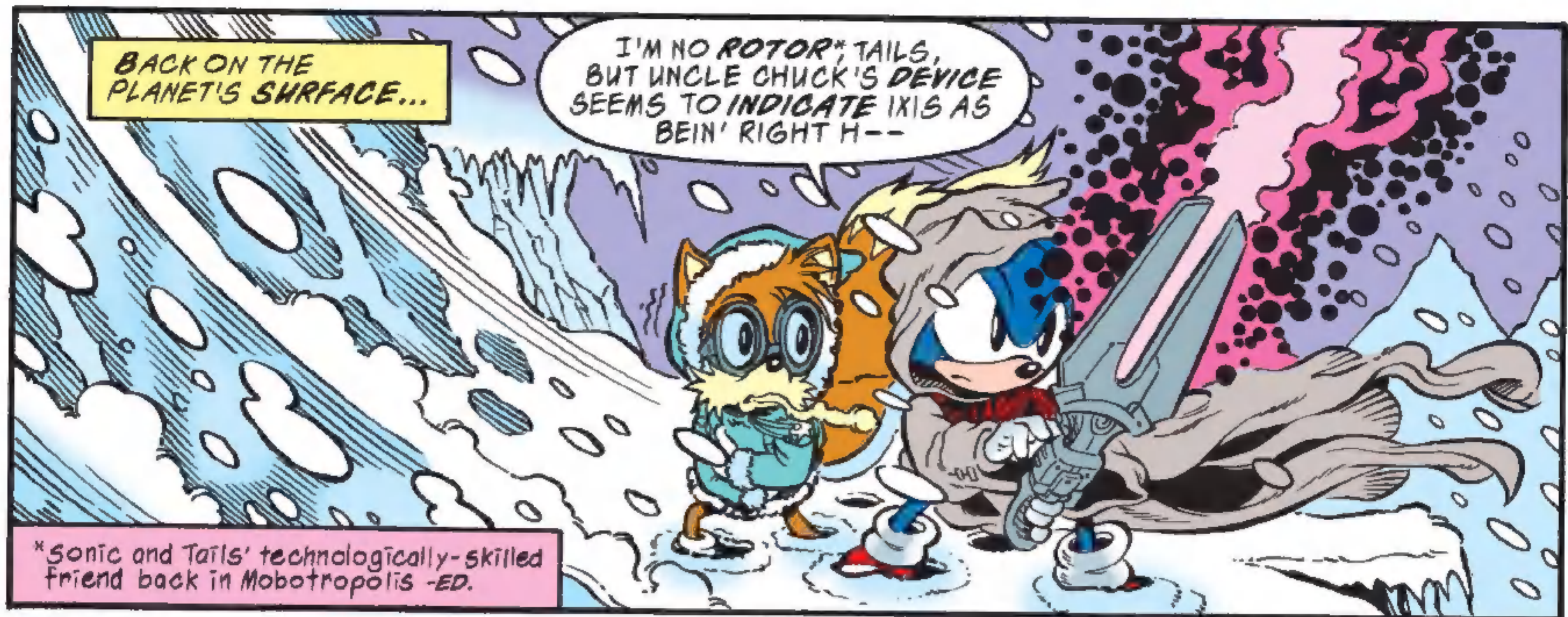
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-- POWER RING OR NO POWER RING! TRUST ME...

I WILL, SONIC, I PROMISE...





"--IX IS
NAUGUS!"

A BRILLANT
DEDUCTION,
QUICKSTER--

--BUT IT SHALL BE
YOUR LAST! YOU AND
YOUR FURRY FRIEND
HAVE **PLAGUED** ME
FOR FAR TOO
LONG--

--BUT NOW, I
HAVE THE **UPPER-**
HAND! YOU ARE
TRAPPED ON THIS
FROZEN WASTELAND
WITHOUT A HOPE OF
EVER GETTING HOME,
FOOLS!

WITHOUT YOUR
PRECIOUS **TALISMAN**,
YOUR VAUNTED **SWORD**
OF **ACORNS***-- YOU
HAVEN'T A PRAYER
AGAINST MY MYSTIC
MIGHT--

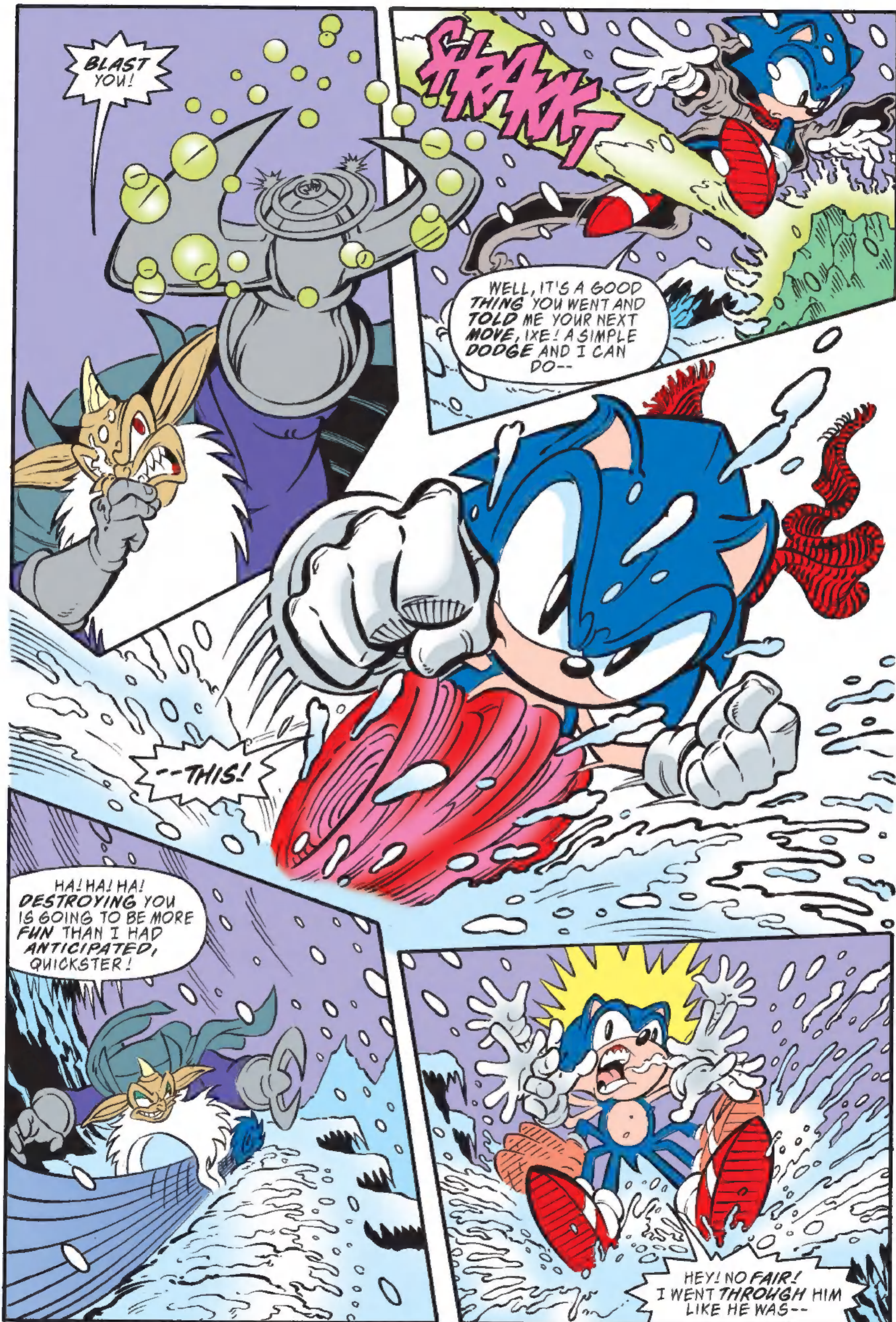
--SO GO
AHEAD--

--TAKE
YOUR BEST
SHOT!

OKAY!
YOU **ASKED**
FOR IT,
CREEP!

SPLAT

*The royal sword was key to stopping
Ix's in **SONIC SELECT VOL. 3 -ED.**



BLAST
YOU!

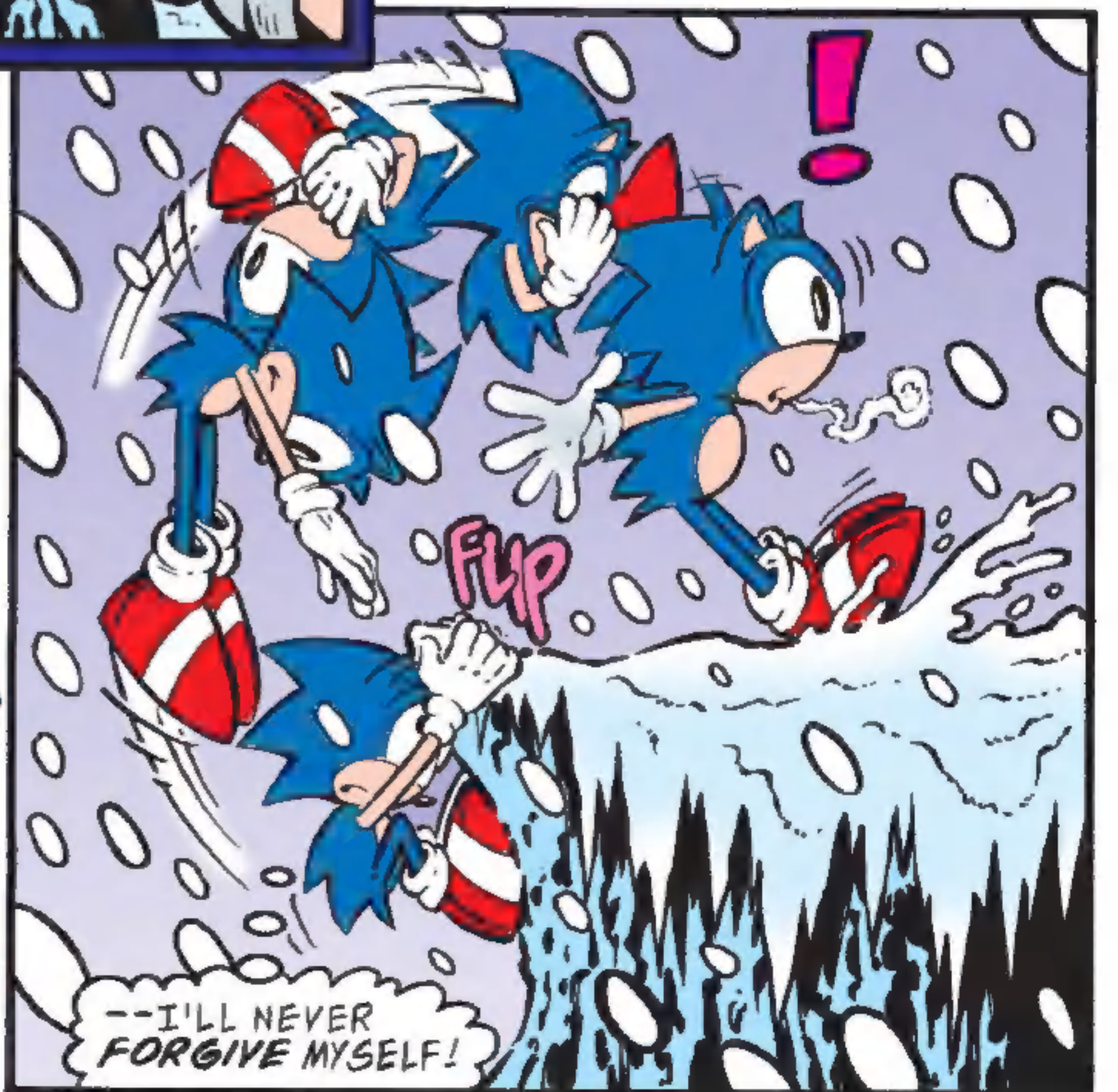
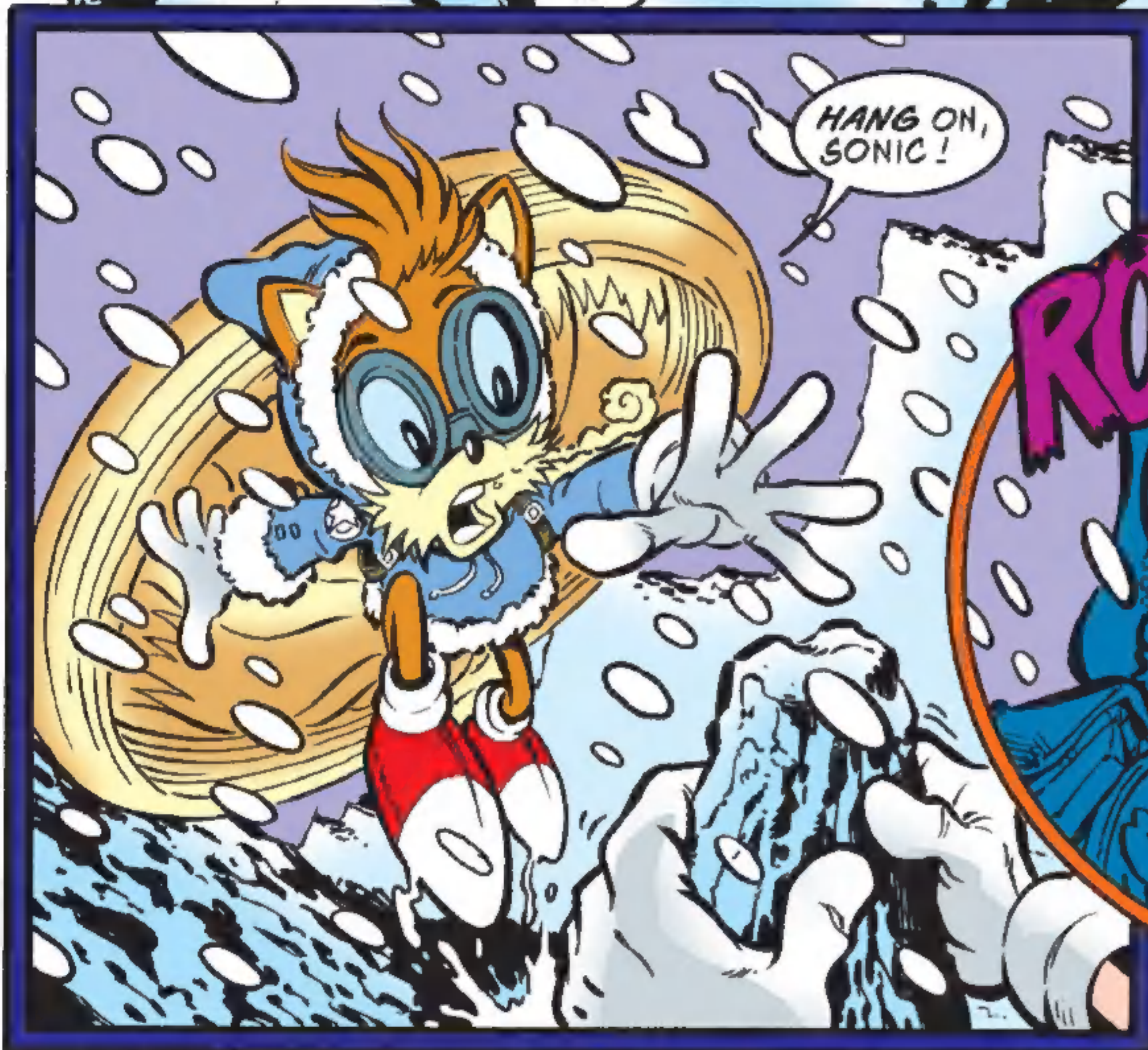
SHOCK
SHOCK

WELL, IT'S A GOOD
THING YOU WENT AND
TOLD ME YOUR NEXT
MOVE, I'VE! A SIMPLE
DODGE AND I CAN
DO--

---THIS!

HA! HA! HA!
DESTROYING YOU
IS GOING TO BE MORE
FUN THAN I HAD
ANTICIPATED,
QUICKSTER!

HEY! NO FAIR!
I WENT THROUGH HIM
LIKE HE WAS--



WHAT THE SUPER-HEROIC HEDGEHOG
SEES NEXT MAKES HIM GO--

FWOOSH!

NOOO! GET
AWAY FROM 'IM, YA
BIG--BIG--

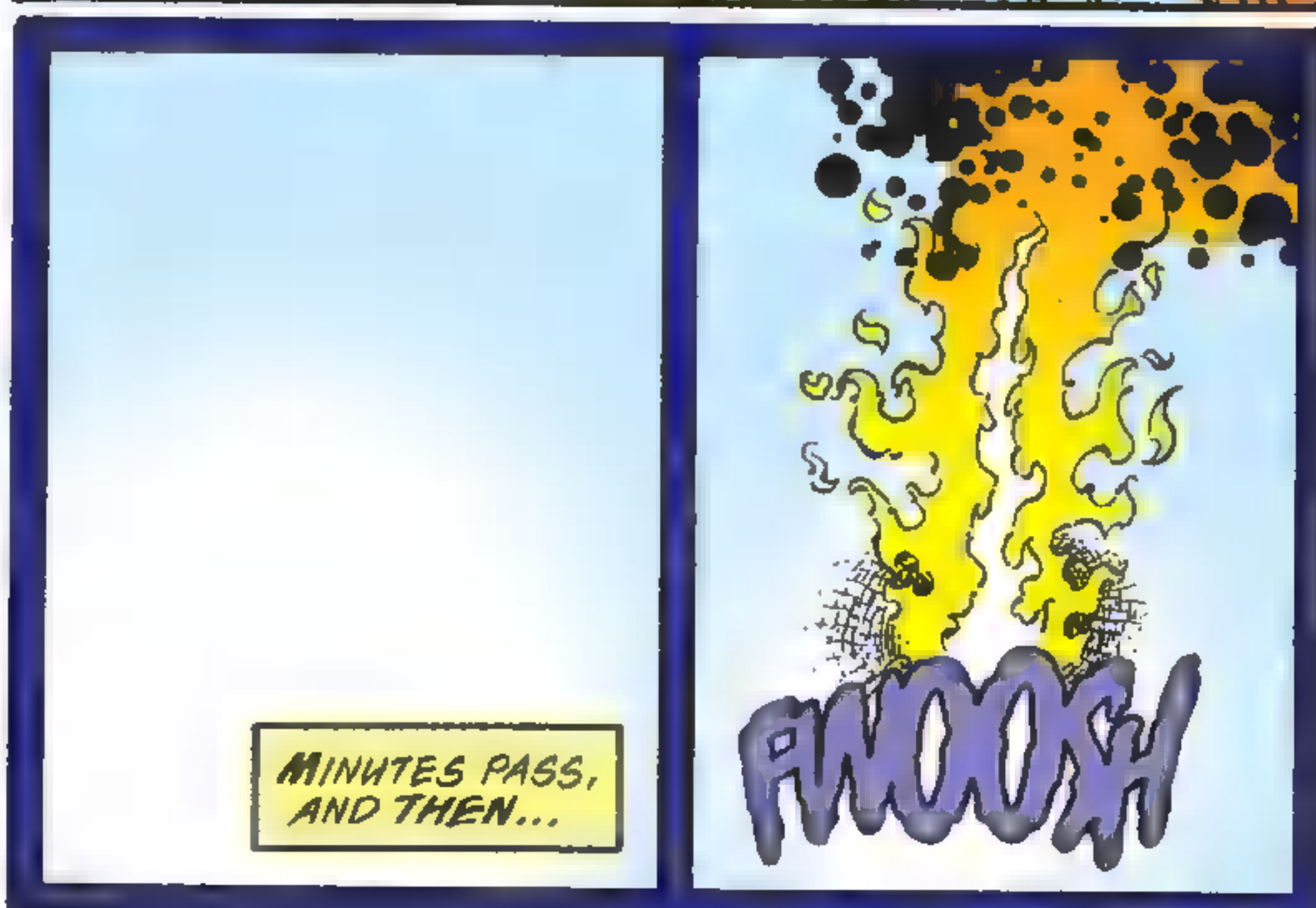
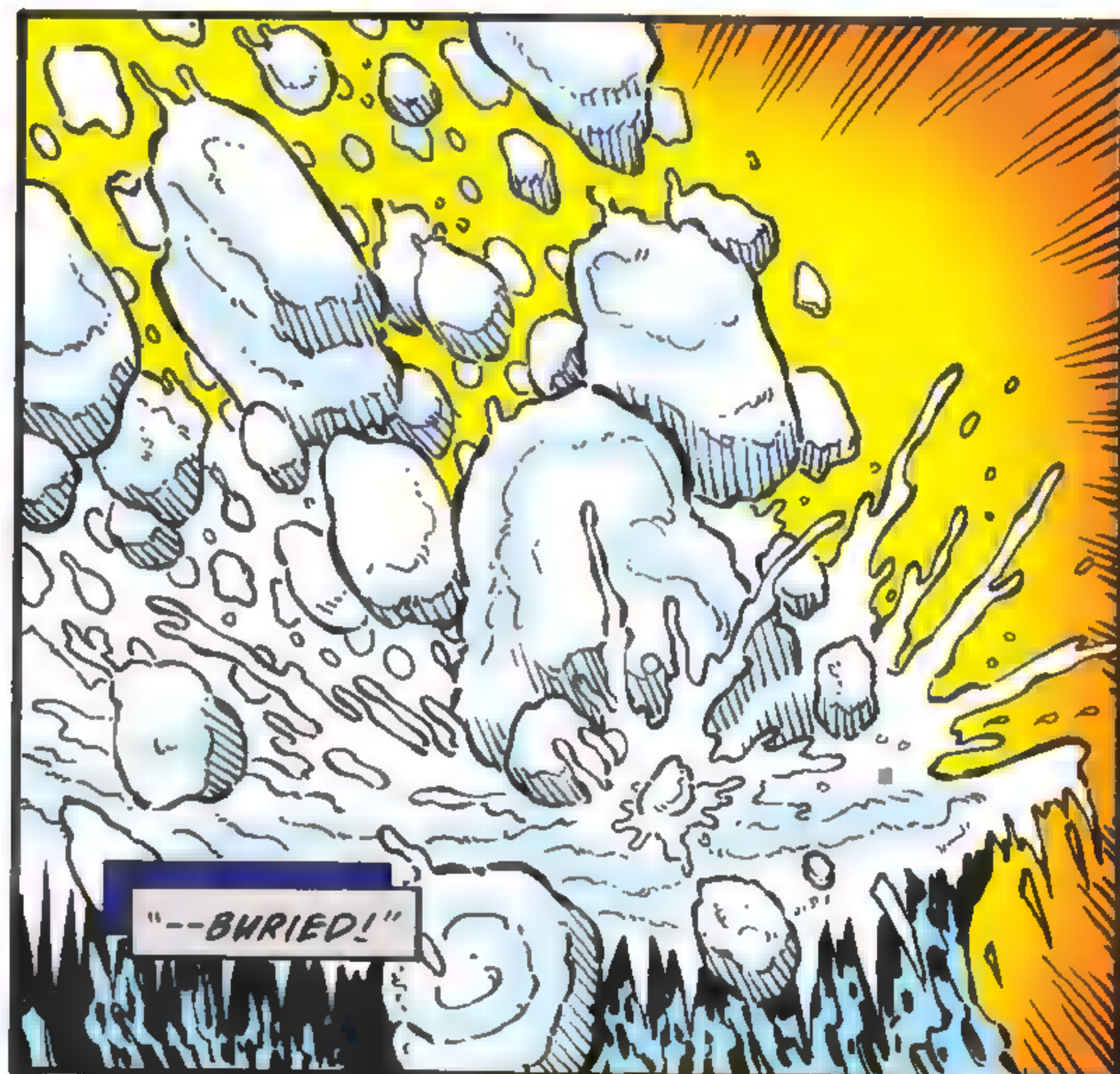
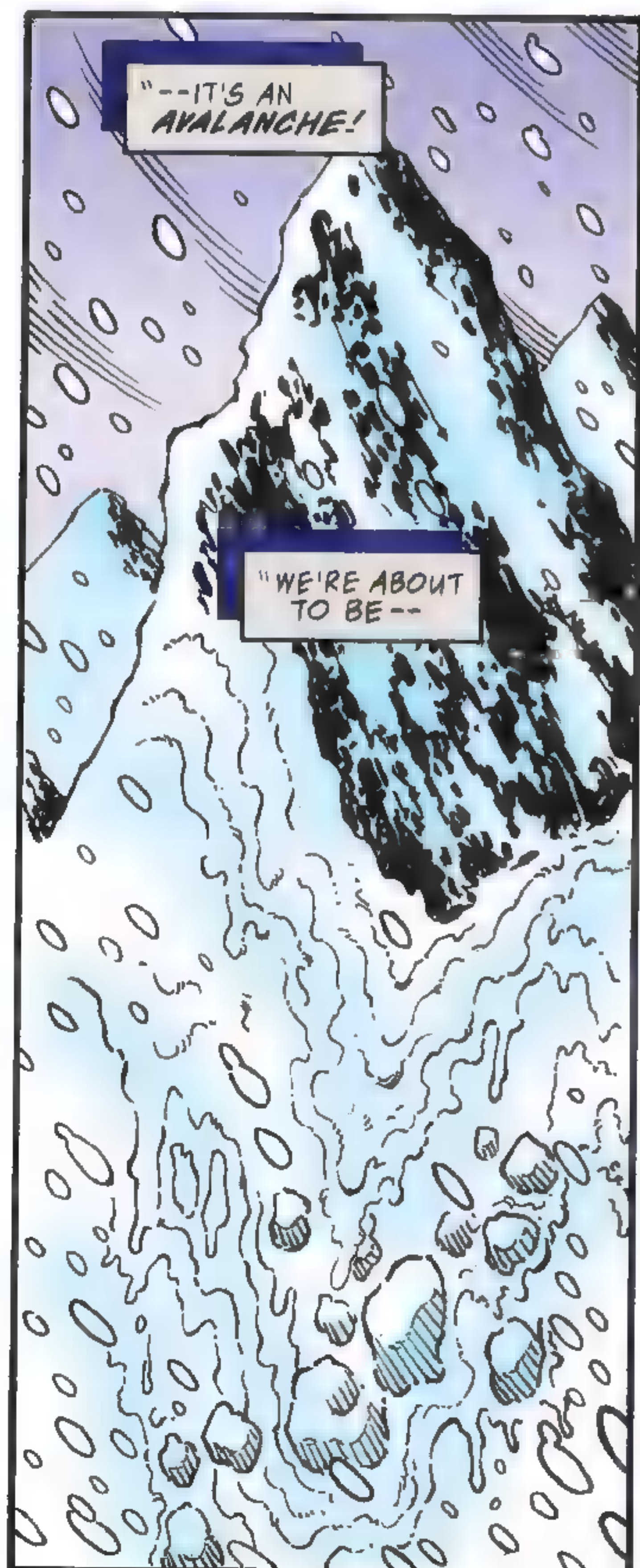
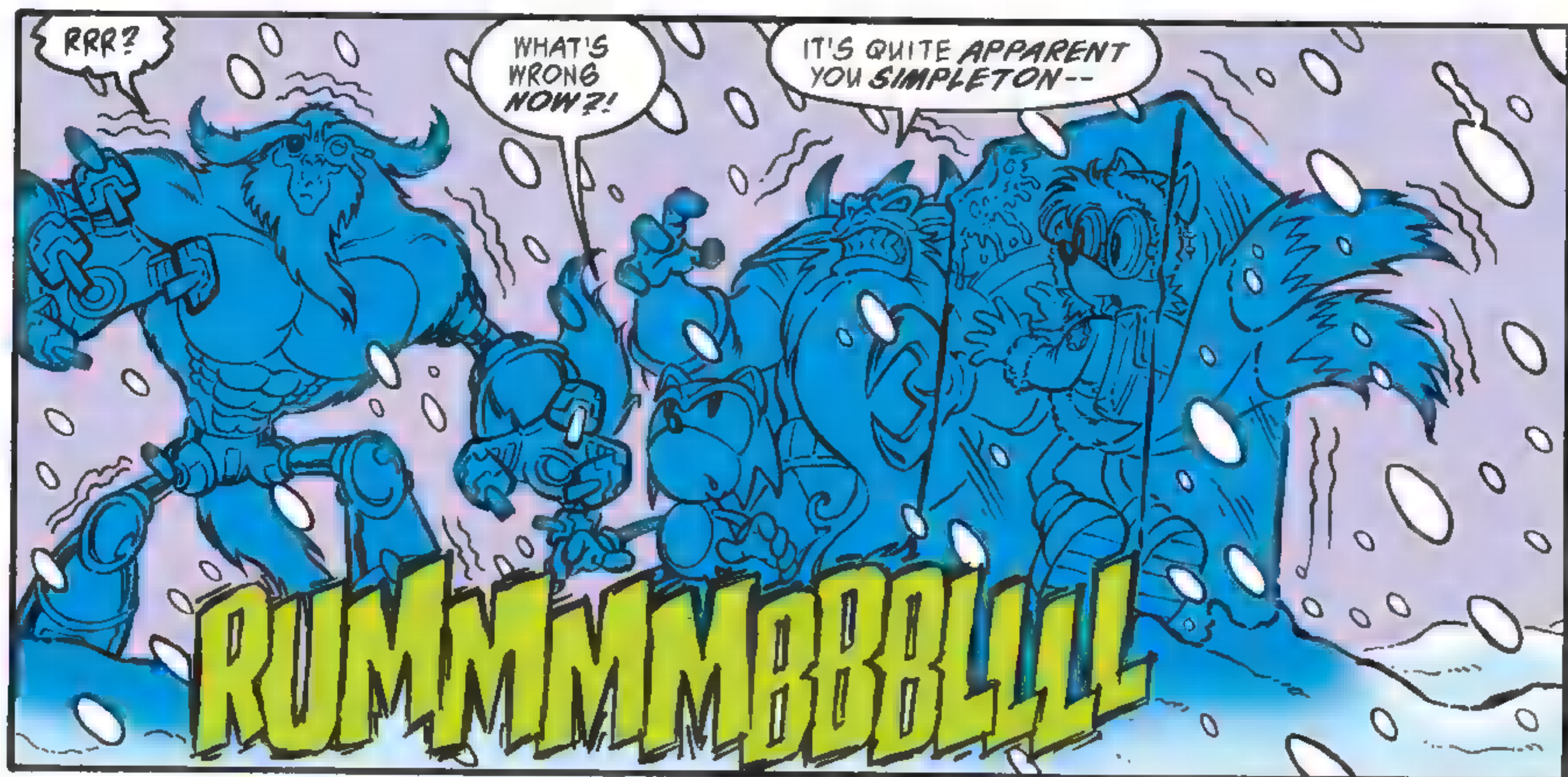
WELL, I'LL FIGURE
OUT EXACTLY WHAT 'IT'
IS AFTER I'M THROUGH
ROCKIN' 'ITS' WORLD!

WHATEVER THAT CREATURE'S
DOIN' TO TAILS IS WAY PAST COOL--
NOT... IN OTHER WORDS: HOT!

TAKE THAT,
FLAME-BRAIN!

MY BET'S RIDING ON THE
ABOMINABLE SNOW-BOT,
QUICKSTER!

SNOW-BOT...?



THE IXIS-NAMED ABOM-
INABLE SNOW-BOT STANDS
TRIUMPHANTLY AFTER
MELTING ITS WAY THROUGH
TONS OF SNOW AND ICE--

--THE UNMOVING SONIC AND
TAILS FIRMLY IN ITS GRASP.

BUT
WHAT
NEXT?

THE MYSTERIOUS
CREATURE LOOKS
SKYWARD FOR AN
ANSWER--

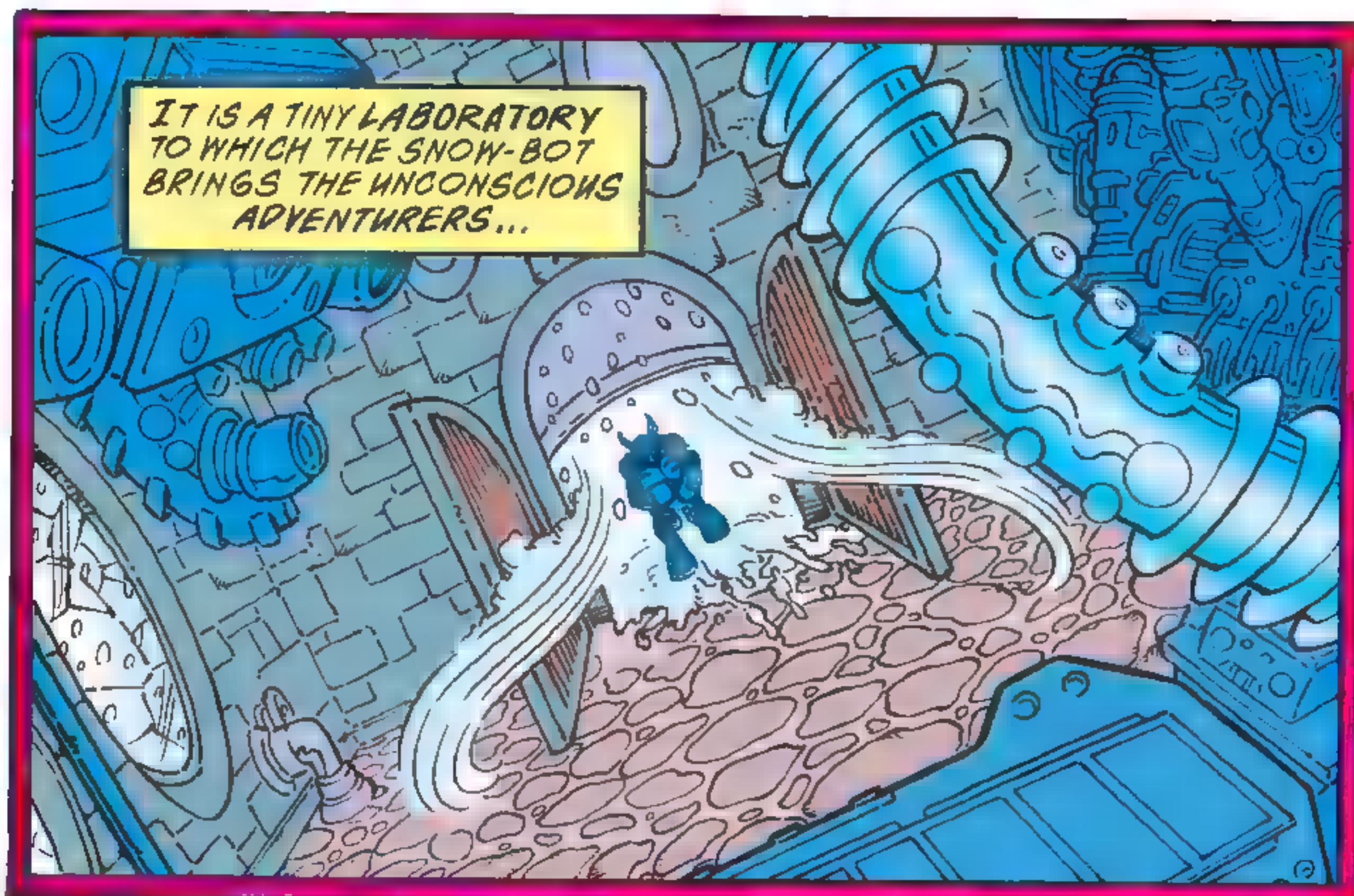
AND
IMMEDIATELY
SEES ONE.

IT WILL TAKE
THREE SIMPLE
STEPS TO
REACH THE
CASTLE--

CROUCH--

--LAUNCH--

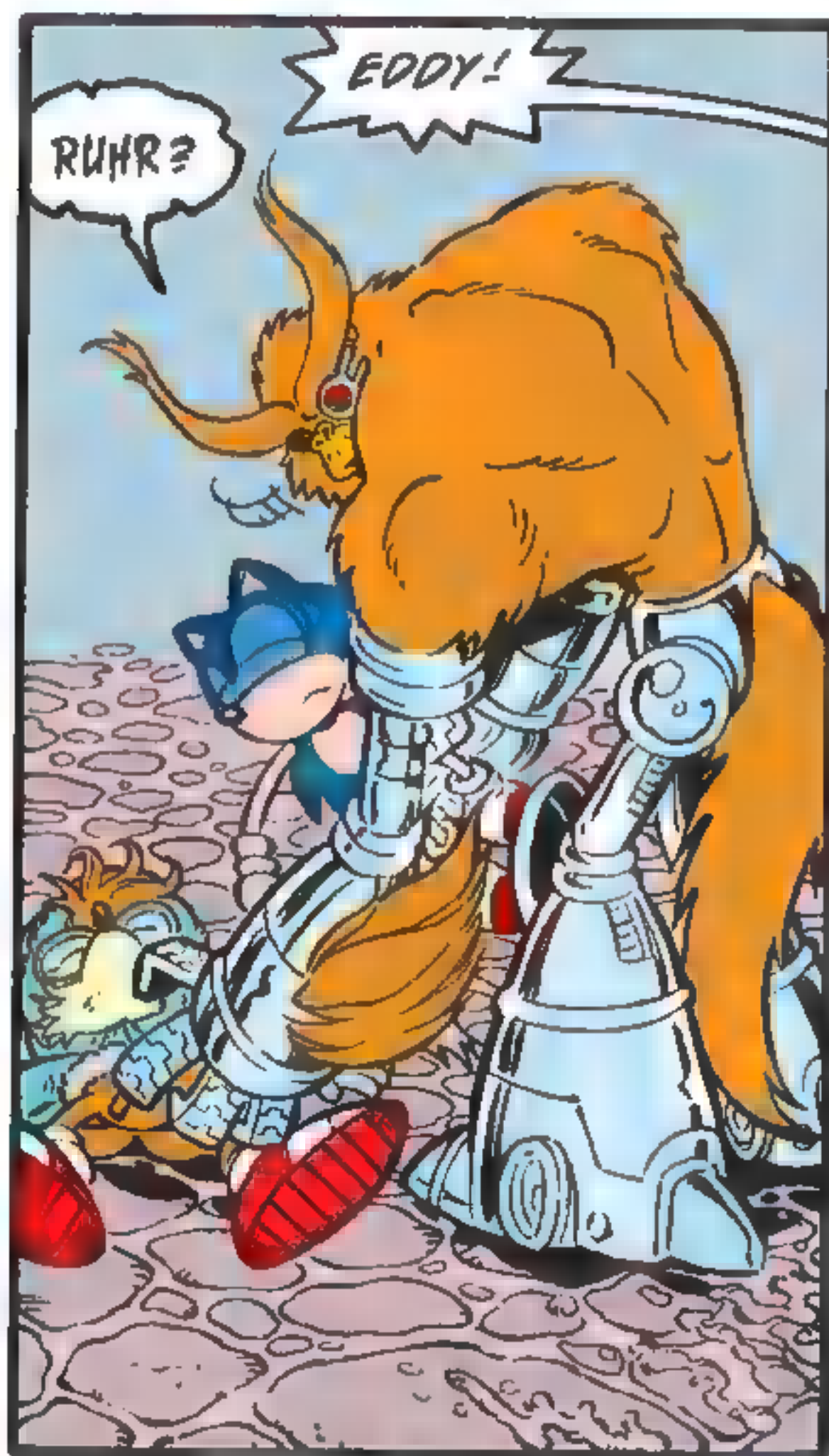
--AND LAND!



IT IS A TINY LABORATORY
TO WHICH THE SNOW-BOT
BRINGS THE UNCONSCIOUS
ADVENTURERS...

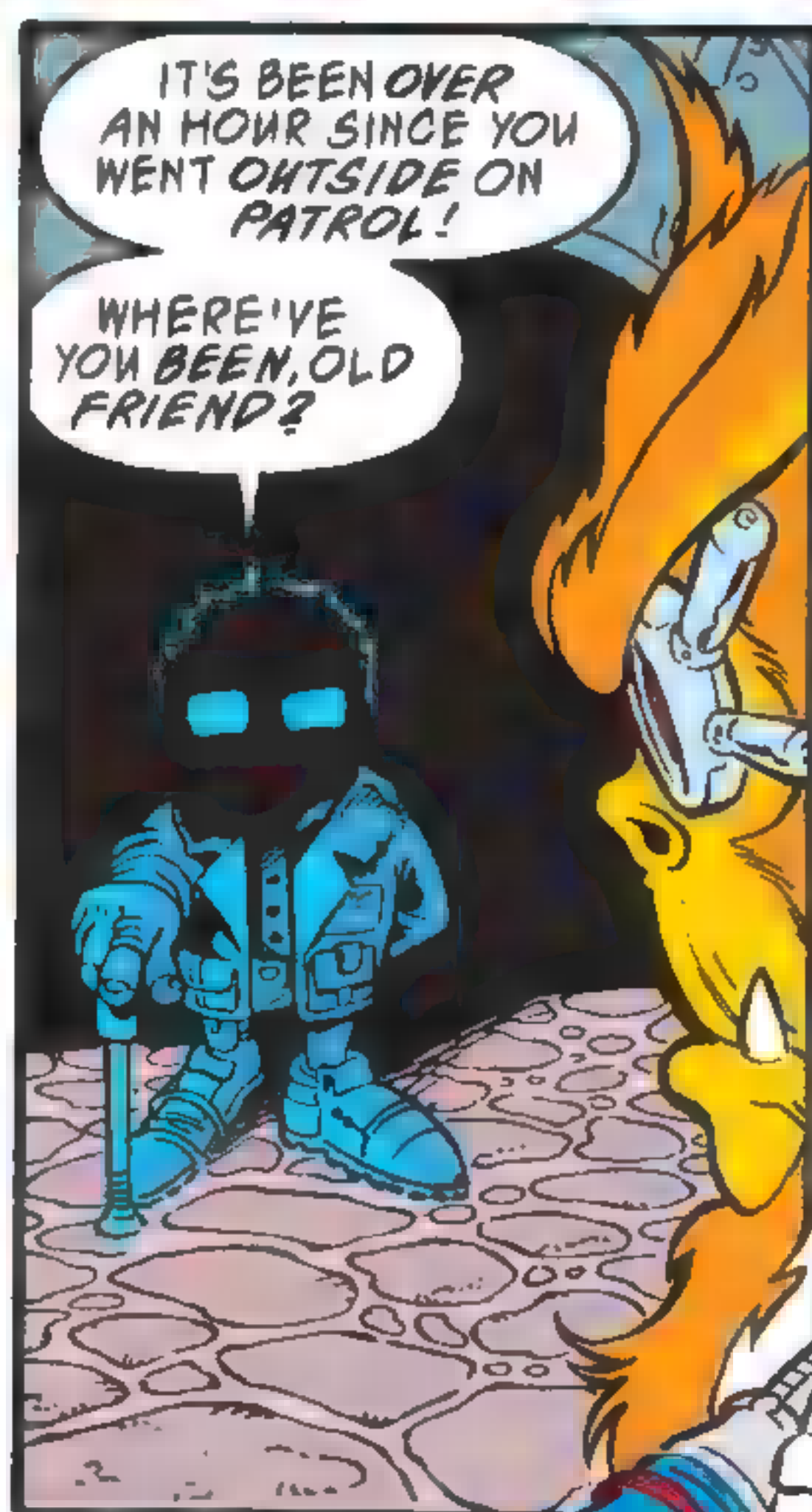


...BUT IT'S OFTEN
SAID THAT BIG
THINGS COME IN
SMALL PACKAGES!



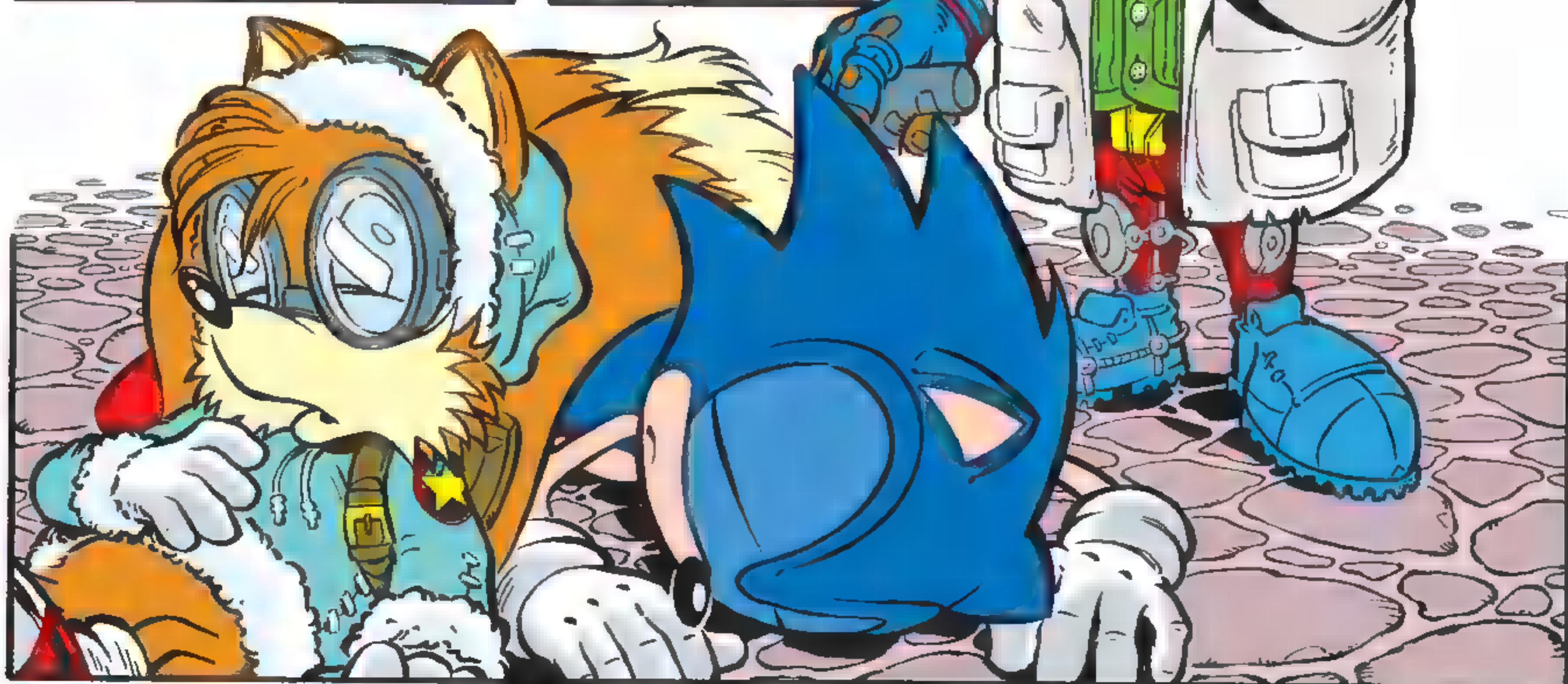
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EDDY!

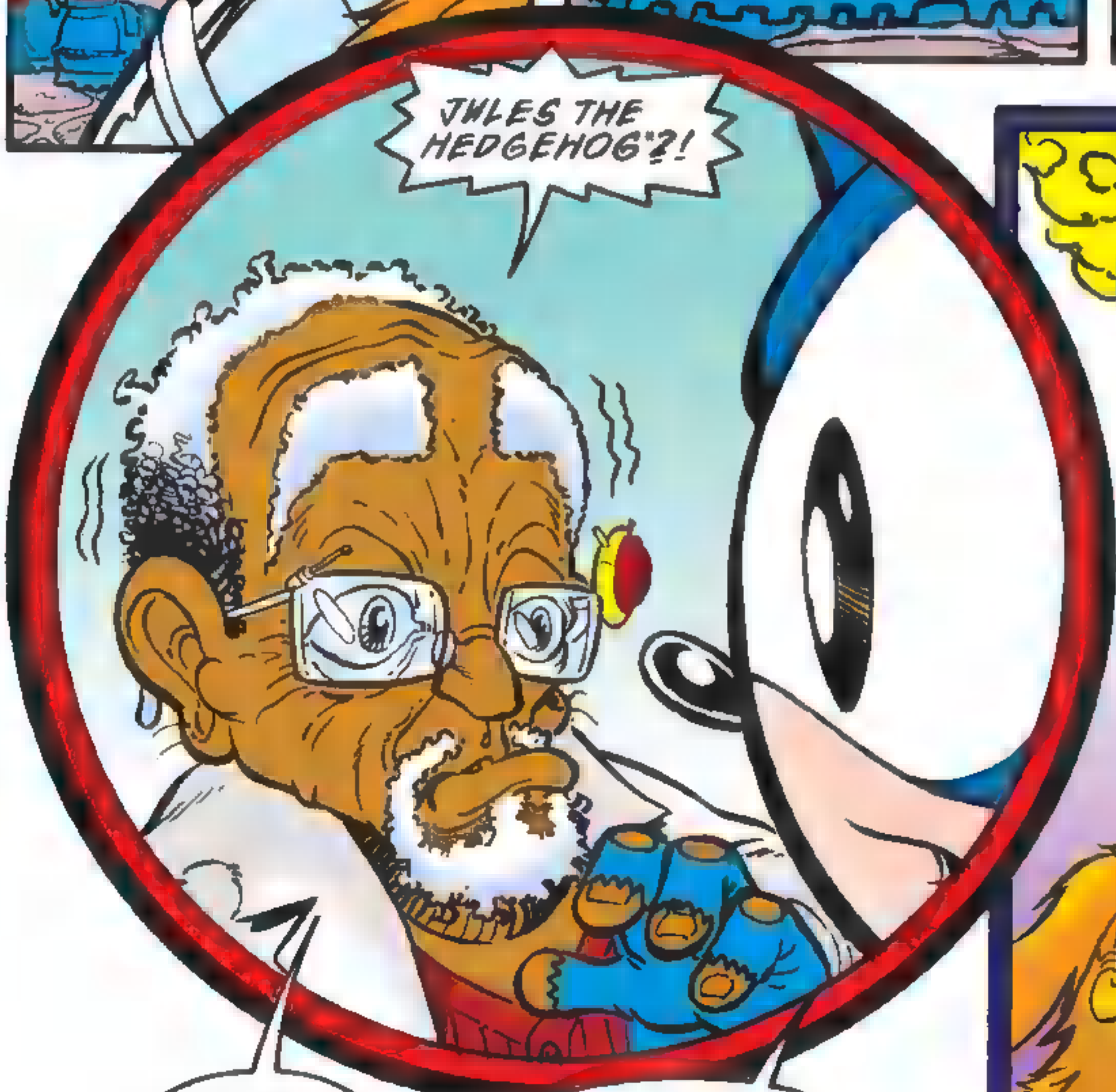
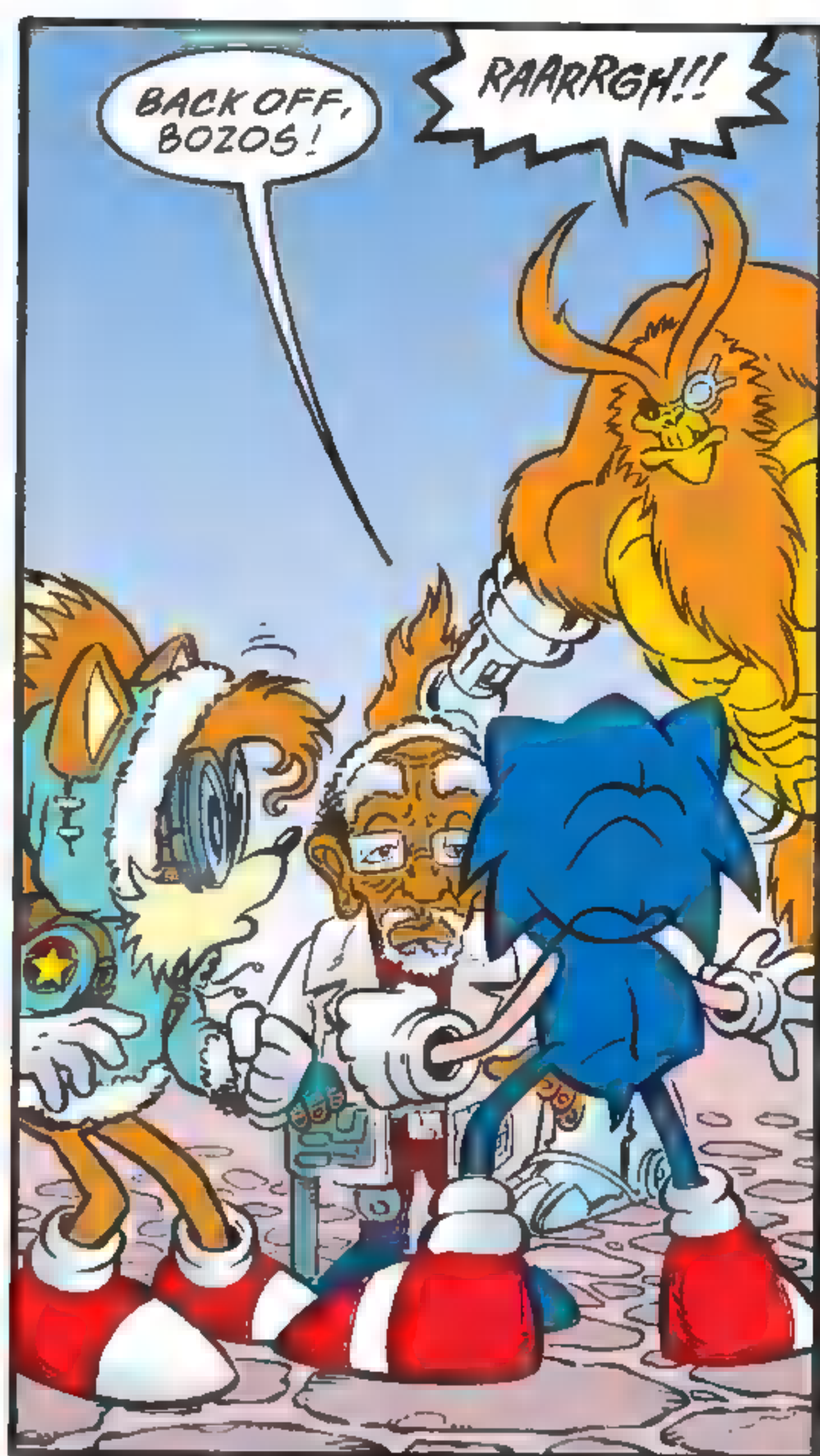
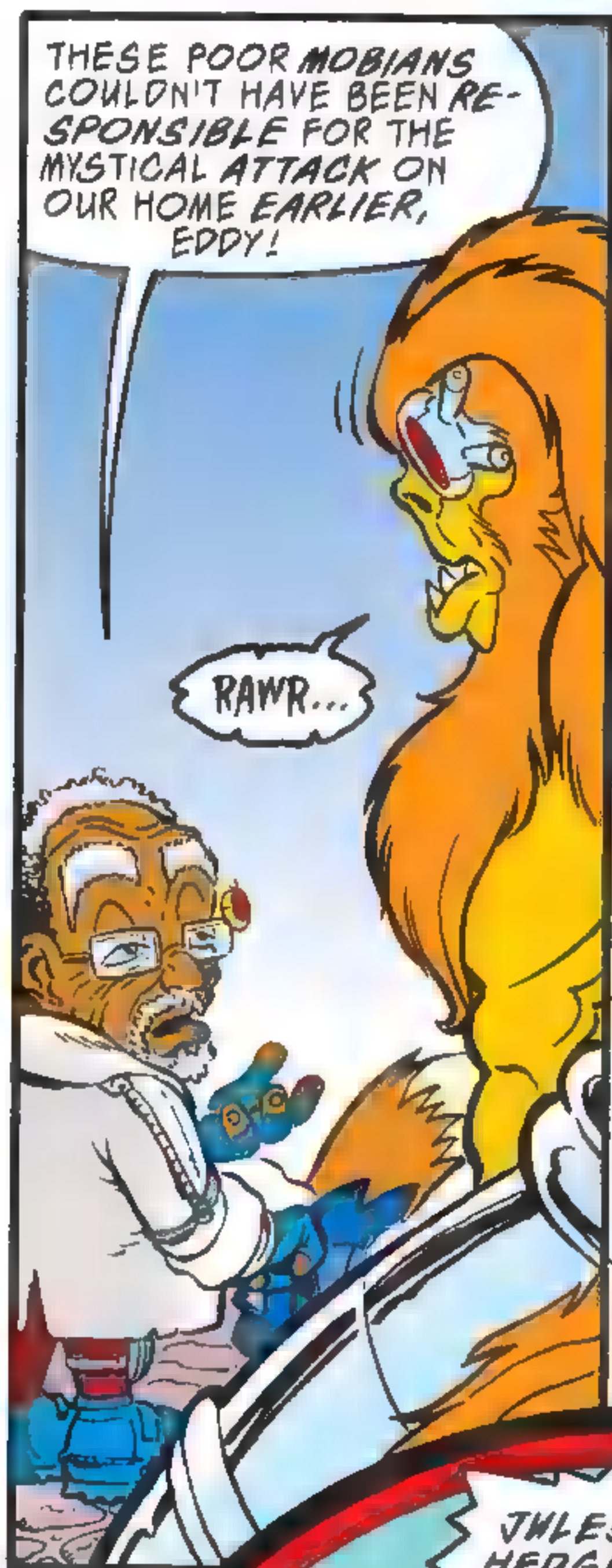


IT'S BEEN OVER
AN HOUR SINCE YOU
WENT OUTSIDE ON
PATROL!

WHERE'VE
YOU BEEN, OLD
FRIEND?



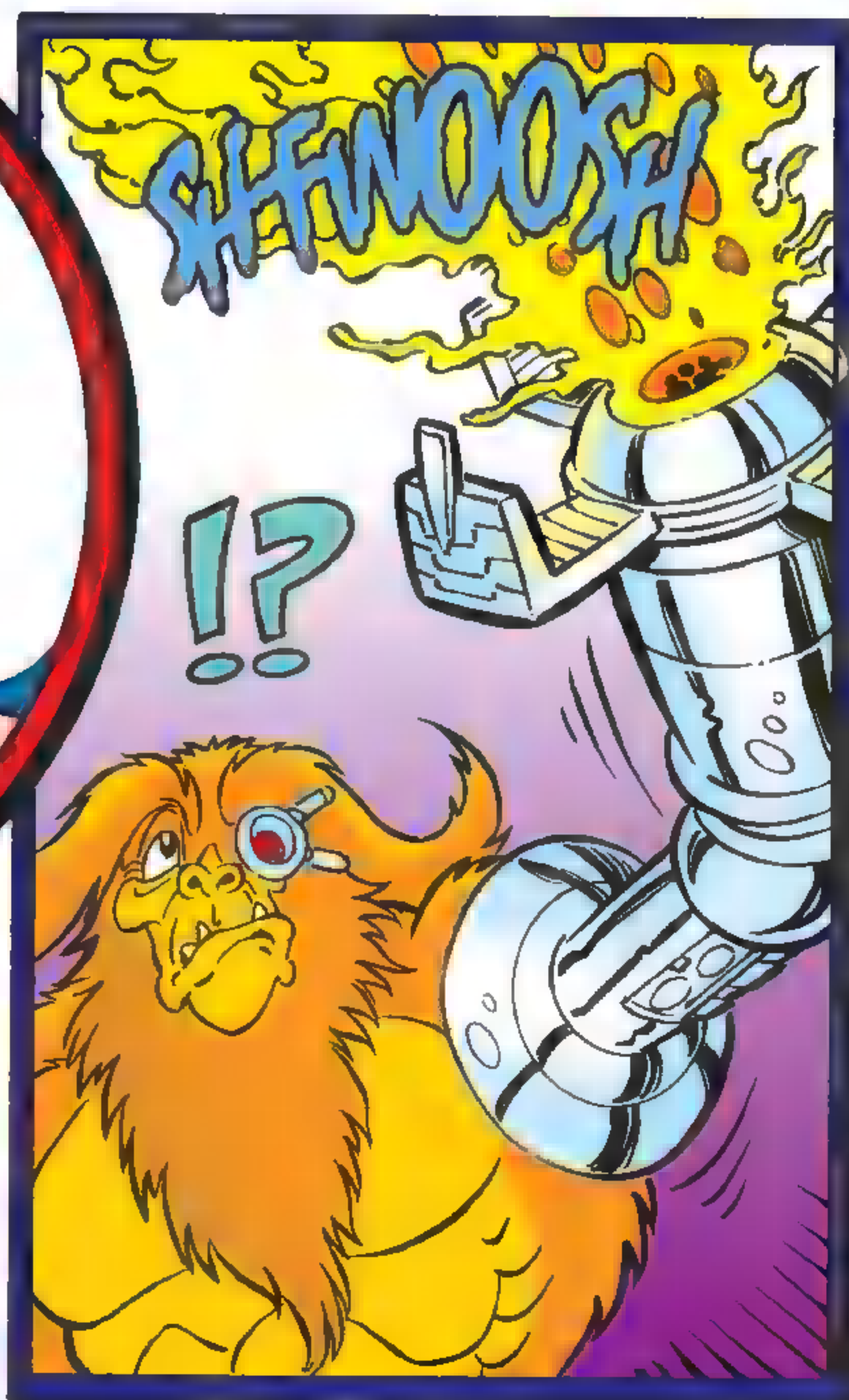
...AND WHO'VE
YOU BROUGHT
HOME?



IS THAT
REALLY YOW
AFTER ALL
THESE
YEARS?

NO, BUT I'VE
GOT A BETTER
QUESTION--

--WHO THE
HECK ARE
YOW?!



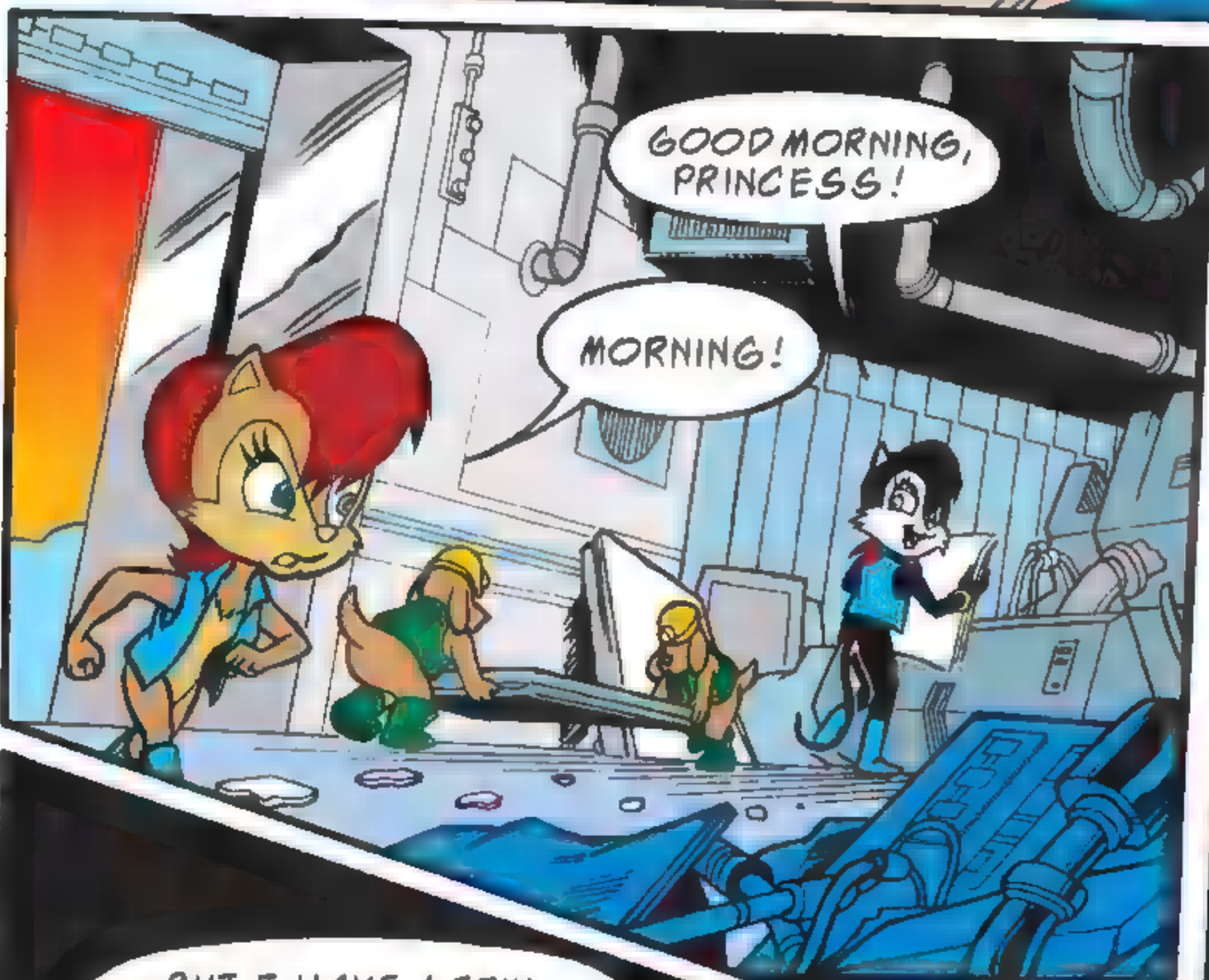
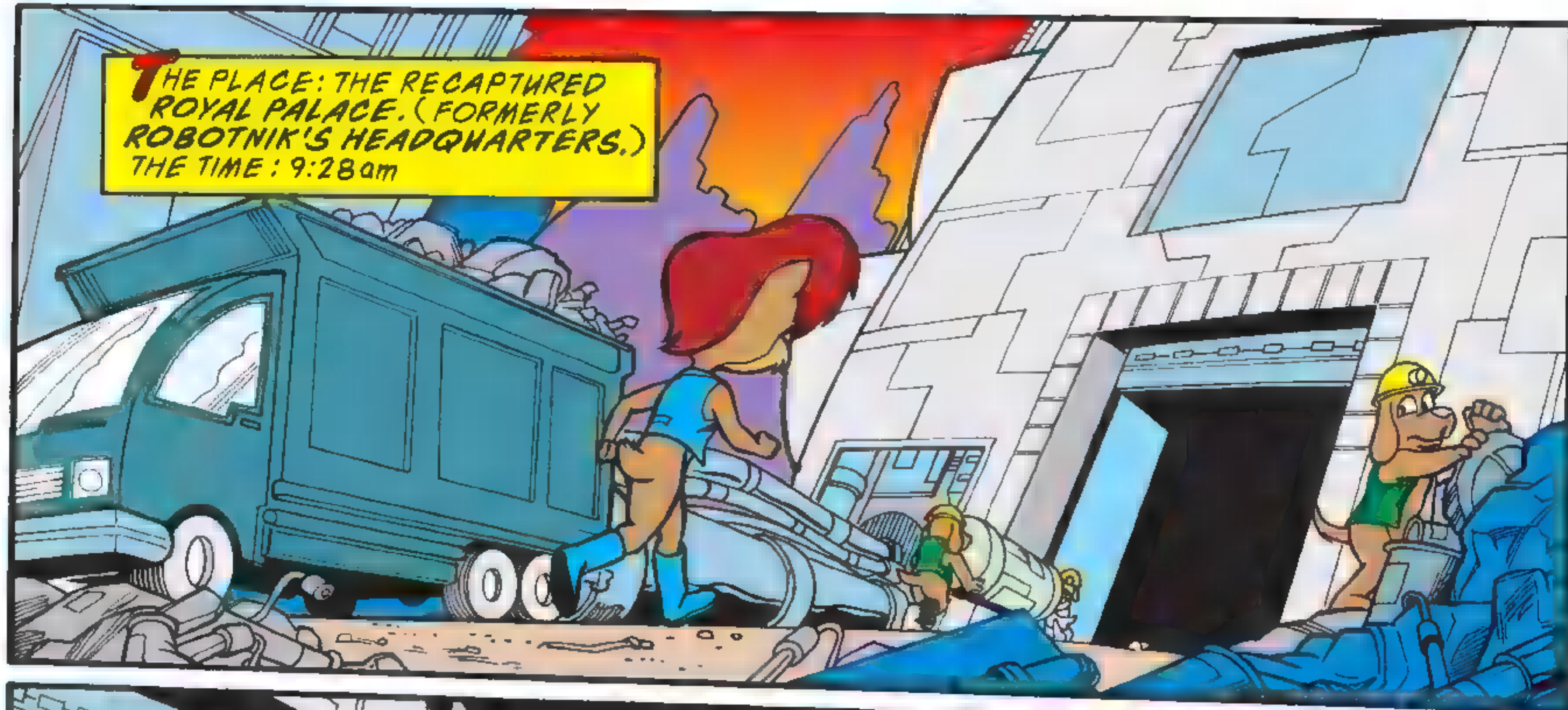
THAT IS
NATE MORGAN--

--AND
HE, QUICKSTER, IS
THE KEY TO TAKING
ABSOLUTE CONTROL
OVER ALL OF MOBIUS!
HA! HA! HA!

NAUGUS!

TO BE CONTINUED!

THE PLACE: THE RECAPTURED ROYAL PALACE. (FORMERLY ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS.)
THE TIME: 9:28am



GOOD MORNING, PRINCESS!

MORNING!

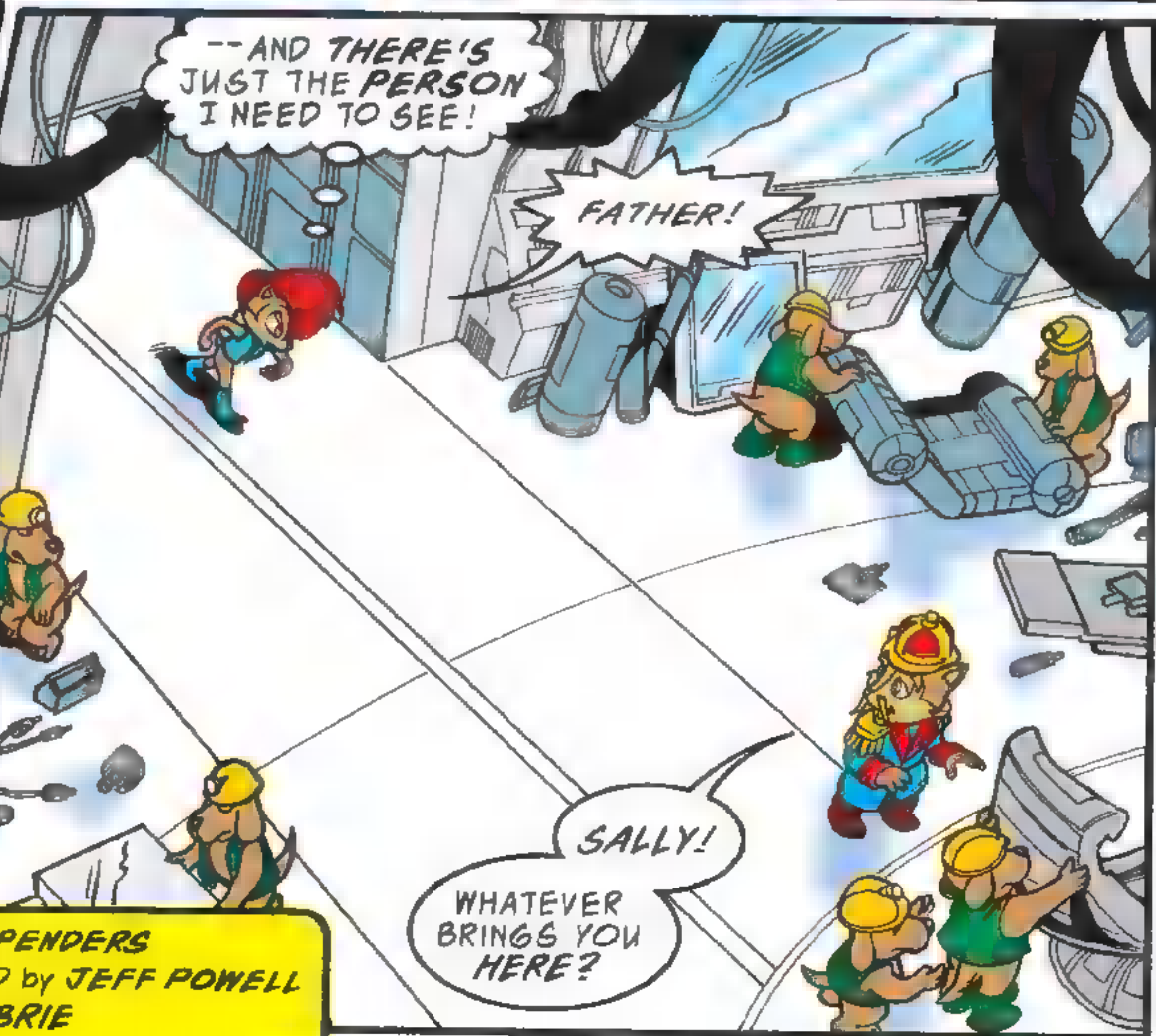


PRINCESS, IF YOU HAVE A MINUTE --

NOT NOW, HERSHEY!
NOTHING PERSONAL--



--BUT I HAVE A FEW THINGS ON MY MIND THAT REQUIRE **SERIOUS** ATTENTION!



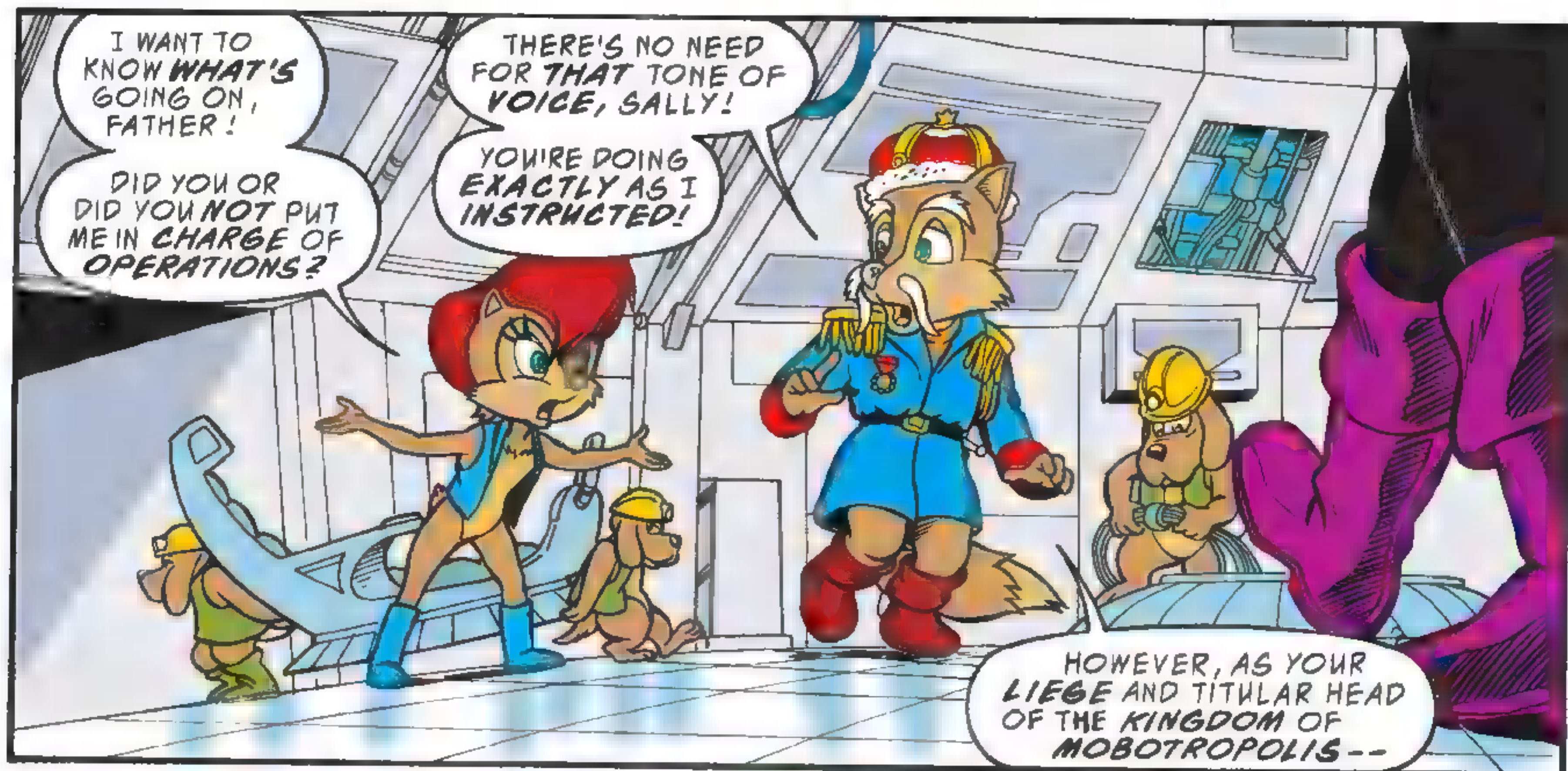
--AND THERE'S JUST THE **PERSON** I NEED TO SEE!

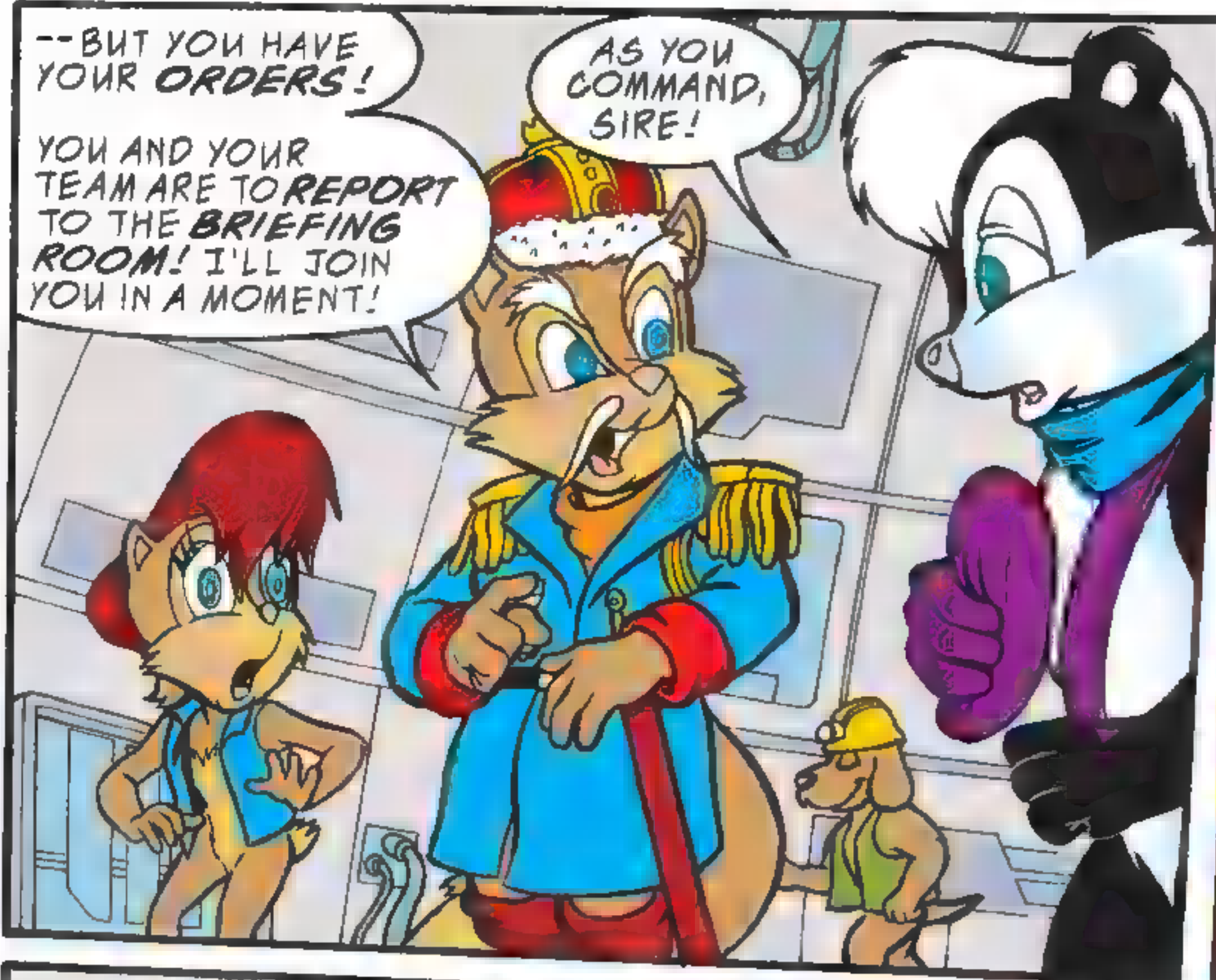
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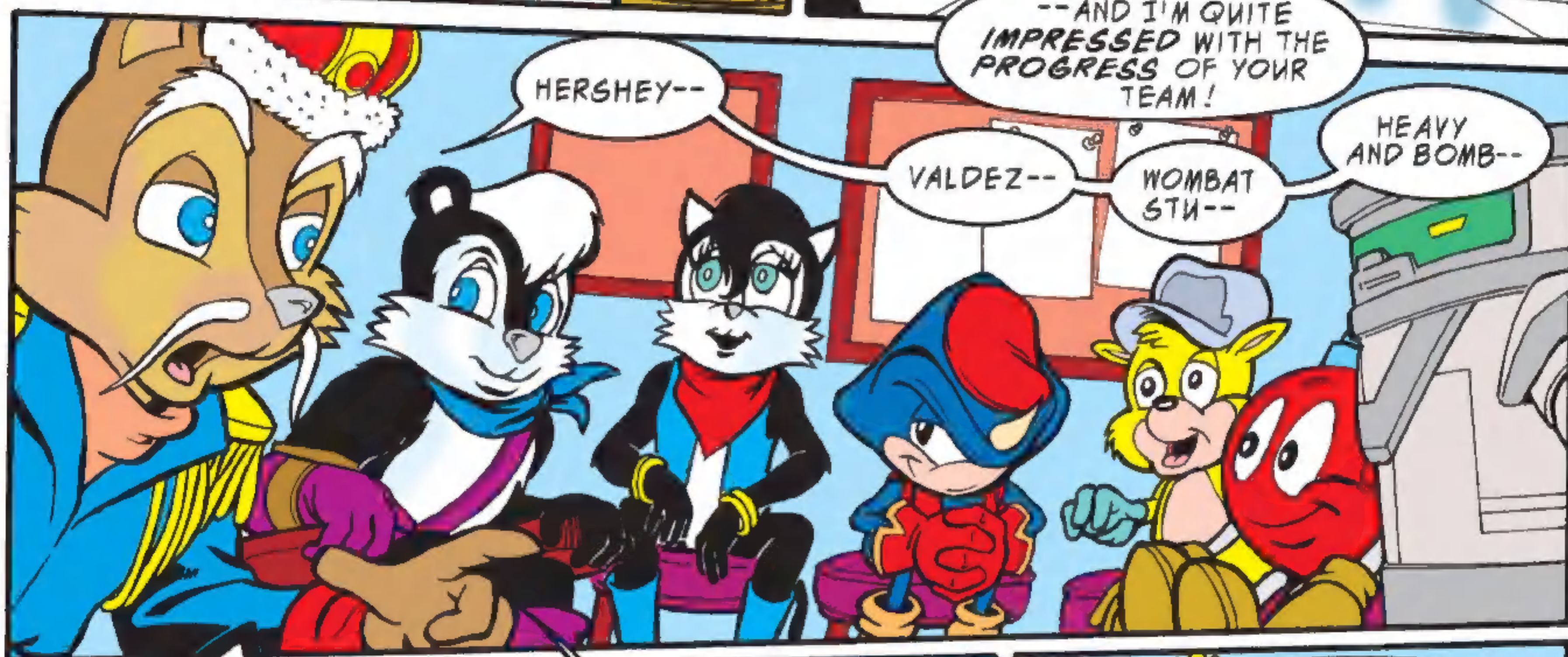
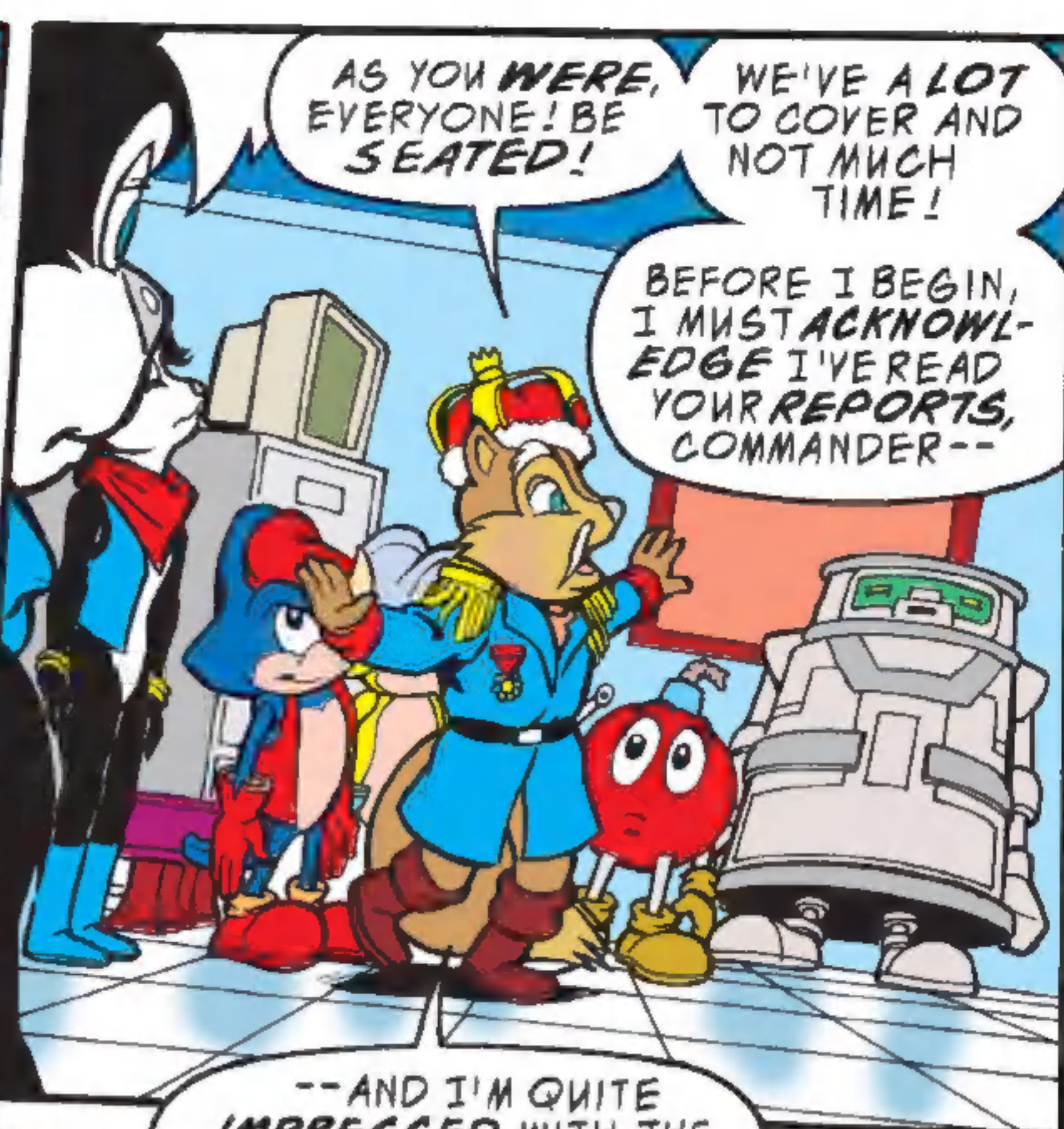
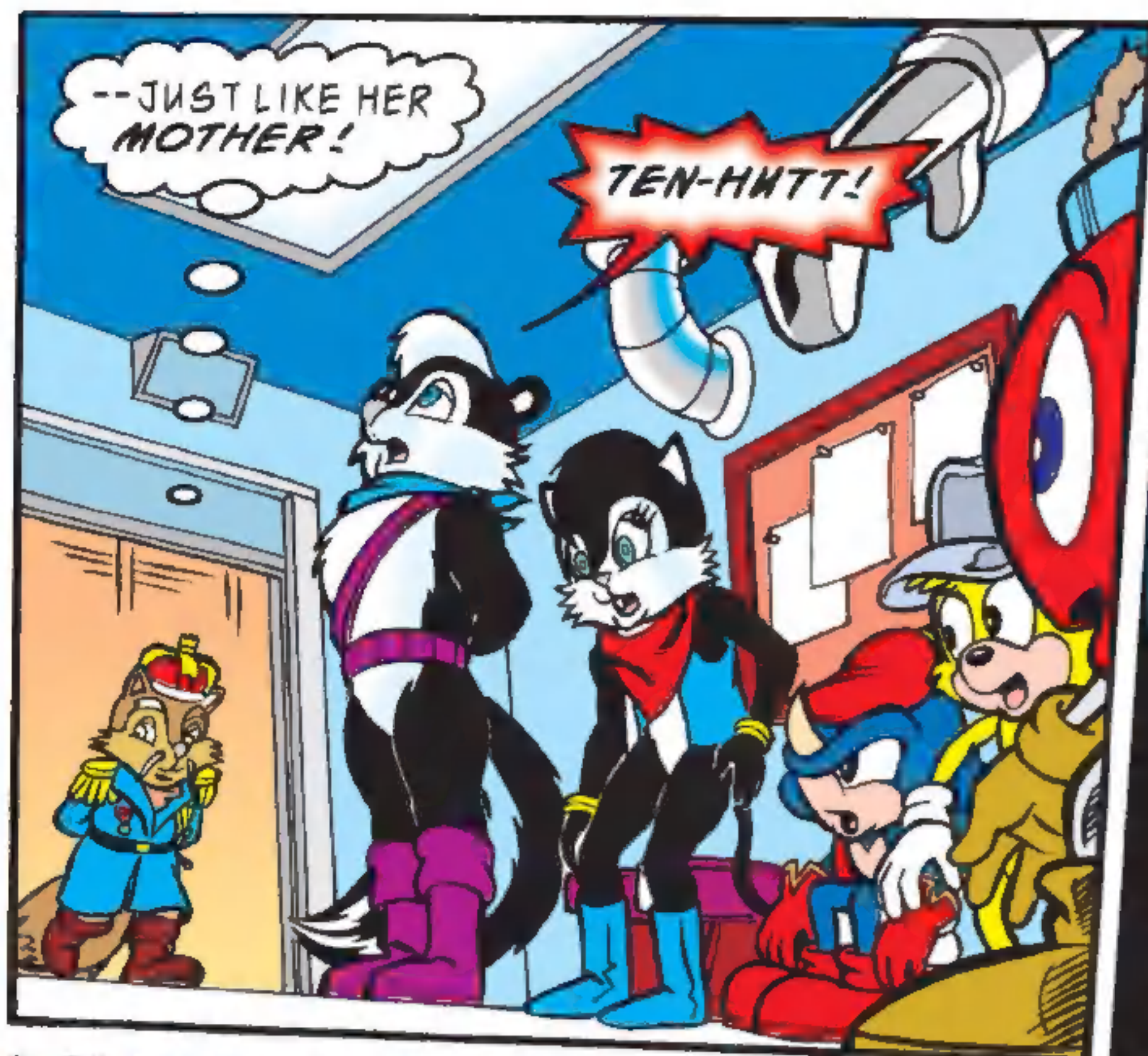
SALLY!

WHATEVER BRINGS YOU HERE?

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--HAD ITS ORIGINS SOME FIFTEEN YEARS AGO--

--WHILE THIS KINGDOM DEFENDED ITS HONOR AND CITIZENRY FROM THE AGGRESSIONS OF THE OVERLANDERS!

"THOSE WERE DARK DAYS INDEED, AND JUST AS MATTERS GREW WORSE...

SIRE, THE CASTLE IS IN DANGER OF FALLING INTO ENEMY HANDS!

MY LORD! THE KINGDOM CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE YOUR WISDOM! YOU MUST SEEK SANCTHARY!

NEVER! NOT WHILE WE CAN FIGHT TO OUR LAST BREATH!



THEY WERE EXCAVATED IN THE KNOTHOLE CAVERNS BY OUR ANCESTORS FOR SUCH A PURPOSE.

HOWEVER, I MUST LEAD OUR PROUD WARRIORS AGAINST THOSE THAT WOULD DESTROY US!

DARLING ALICIA! YOUR PLACE IS IN THE BUNKERS WITH JULAYLA, ROSIE, AND THE CHILDREN!

COMMANDER ST. JOHN!

SIRE?

WE'VE ONLY ONE OTHER OPTION!

I WANT YOU AND A TEAM OF YOUR BEST TROOPS TO ESCORT THE QUEEN TO OUR RESIDENCE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND RIGHT NOW!



PLEASE ESCORT QUEEN ALICIA AND THE BOY TO SAFETY IN KNOTHOLE!

I'M SORRY, SIRE, BUT KNOTHOLE IS CUT OFF TO US FOR THE TIME BEING!



AS YOU COMMAND, SIRE!



"WHILE THE COMMANDER AND HIS TROOPS ESCORTED MY BELOVED WIFE TO SAFETY, SEVERAL OF THE REALM'S FINEST AND I ENGAGED THE OVERLANDERS IN MORTAL COMBAT!"

WE MAY HAVE PRESERVED IN THE KINGDOM, BUT APPARENTLY THE COMMANDER AND HIS TEAM DID NOT!



THE LAST I HEARD--



-- WAS THAT THE OVERLANDERS HAD ATTACKED THE QUEEN'S CONVOY UPON REACHING THE FLOATING ISLAND!

WE LOST ALL CONTACT WITH THEM AFTER THAT!



I SENT A TEAM TO INVESTIGATE SOME TIME LATER--

--AND NOT A TRACE COULD BE FOUND!



RECENTLY NEW EVIDENCE HAS EMERGED THAT COULD REVEAL WHAT HAPPENED TO THE QUEEN AND HER GUARDSMEN!

COMMANDER, I ORDER YOU TO TAKE YOUR TEAM TO THE FLOATING ISLAND--

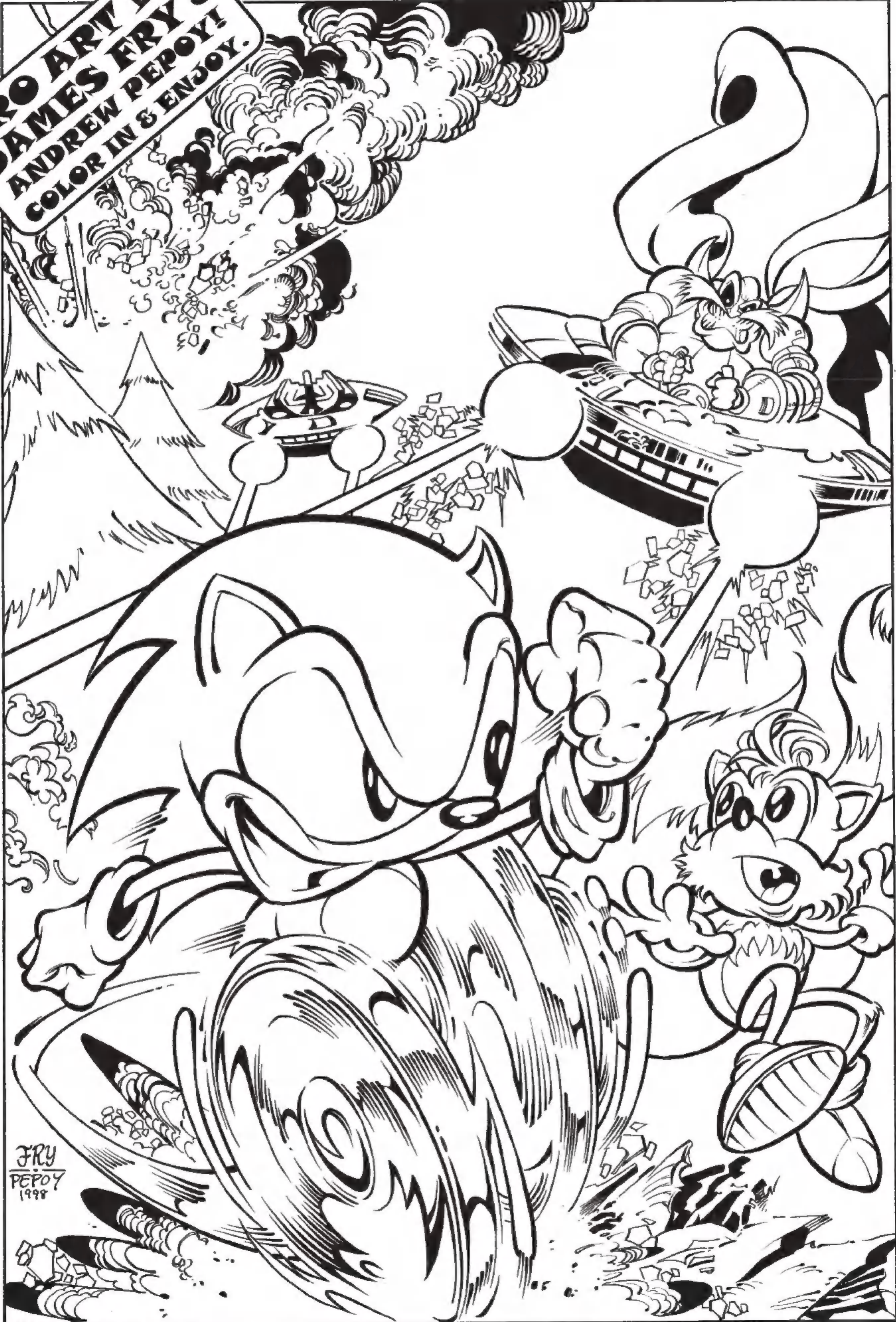
-- FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED--

--AND SOLVE THE MYSTERY THAT HAS HAUNTED ME FOR MANY A NIGHT--



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO QUEEN ALICIA? (THE ANSWER AWAITS YOU IN KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 4 COMING SOON!)

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